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# NAZI INVASION BASES COMPLETELY SMASHED

## Guns And Bombs Destroy Hitler's Dream

Anti-American Incident In Hanoi

## JAPANESE TEAR DOWN FLAG

Newsman's Tour of Front

HANOI, Sept. 29 (UP).—Japanese troops to-day tore down the American flag and occupied the warehouse belonging to the American Far Eastern Trading Company which shipped American goods to Chungking prior to the closure of the Indo-China frontier.

## INVASION DANGER REMAINS

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—A warning that the danger of invasion does not necessarily disappear as autumn and winter approaches was given to-day by naval circles, writes "Reuter's" naval correspondent at a British naval base.

The weather on this part of the coast, which will probably have a big influence on Hitler's invasion plans, has been consistently fine for some time but it is now threatening to break up.

Natural tendency is to assume that the onset of autumn and winter means that the opportunity for invasion has passed.

### Boats and Barges

Flat-bottomed boats and barges—the main form of transport for an invading force—cannot be used successfully in the unfavourable sea conditions which henceforth may reasonably be expected. But as the Navy knows, there are seasonal lulls to come and one of these would normally make it possible for such craft as the Germans have assembled to be used.

During the next few weeks, for example, there should occur a "second summer" or a period of temporary calm when an attempt could be made. If the Germans are hoping that by thus delaying the attempt they are likely to catch Britain somewhat off guard, they will be severely disappointed, for the Navy is determined not to relax for an instant.

The fact that preparations in the French Channel ports are still continuing steadily is regarded as another reason why invasion is still a possibility. These preparations have been proceeding too consistently to be merely an attempt to divert a proportion of our bombing force from more important objectives.

## NORWAY UNDER NAZI RULERS

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The German authorities have lately taken further measures against private persons and organisations in Norway.

The Vice-President of the Norwegian Press Association has been arrested and his newspaper, one of the largest, Socialist dailies, stopped.

Only German films are being shown in Oslo cinemas. The Reich Commissariat has created a special organisation to supervise Norwegian Trade Unions and all Communists must be excluded from all positions of importance in these bodies.

### Faith In Britain

Faith in Britain's war effort is daily growing stronger among the Norwegian people, says a telegram from Stockholm to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London.

There is no sign of any support or recognition of the new Nazi-sponsored government and the whole system is regarded with the deepest suspicion.

Special to the "Telegraph"

**BRITISH LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY AND BOMBING PLANES HAVE RENDERED ALL OF HITLER'S INVASION BASES ON THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, ESPECIALLY CALAIS, VIRTUALLY USELESS.**

This statement was issued at Vichy yesterday, says "United Press", quoting reports from Northern France.

Docks have been destroyed, channels blasted and shipping sunk.

The damage at Calais is reported to be terrific.

British guns throughout the week-end hammered the German gun emplacements with terrifying force, firing two salvos every two minutes.

It was officially announced yesterday that R.A.F. bombers carried out intensive raids along the entire Channel coast, bombing Le Havre, Fecamp, Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk.

German gun emplacements at Cap Gris Nez were also successfully attacked while further raids were effected against the big shipping base at Lorient.

Two of our aircraft are missing from these operations, says the announcement.

### H.M.S. CHURCHILL

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The ship which will eventually bear the name of H.M.S. Churchill was among the first batch of American destroyers which reached Britain to-day.

The captain of one of the destroyers said: "The crossing was entirely without incident. We have not seen a trace of the enemy."

## Yesterday's Bombing Of England Enemy Brought Down By Balloon Barrage

### —Little Damage

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—Three enemy aircraft, all bombers, have been destroyed over this country since midnight, states an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué.

One bomber brought down during the night fouled a balloon cable and crashed into the sea off the south coast.

A second enemy bomber was shot down in the Thames Valley by our fighters this morning.

Later another enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the south-east coast by anti-aircraft guns.

Enemy activities in the morning consisted of a few attacks by single aircraft. Some bombs were dropped at points on the Thames Estuary, at two towns and a village on the south coast and a village in the Home Counties.

Little damage was done by any of these attacks and there was a very small number of casualties.

**Tremendous A.A. Fire**  
 LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The most tremendous barrage yet put up by the guns defending London was set loose on two raiders who flew directly over Central London to-night.

Hundreds of shells ripped into the moonlit sky and guns boomed constantly for ten minutes, merging into a crescendo of sound that has not been equalled at any time during the last month.

## GOEBBELS CLOSES DOWN

### When R.A.F. Are About

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—Whenever the R.A.F. visit Germany, German radio stations go off the air. During the past week they have been off the air many times.

Indeed, the sudden closing down has happened so often that the Germans have had to make some sort of excuse to their listeners. They do not, of course, admit that it is R.A.F. activity that makes them shut down, but Zeelen to-day said that absence of short-wave transmissions from time to time was due to cosmic causes. This, the station added, was also the opinion of Italian experts.

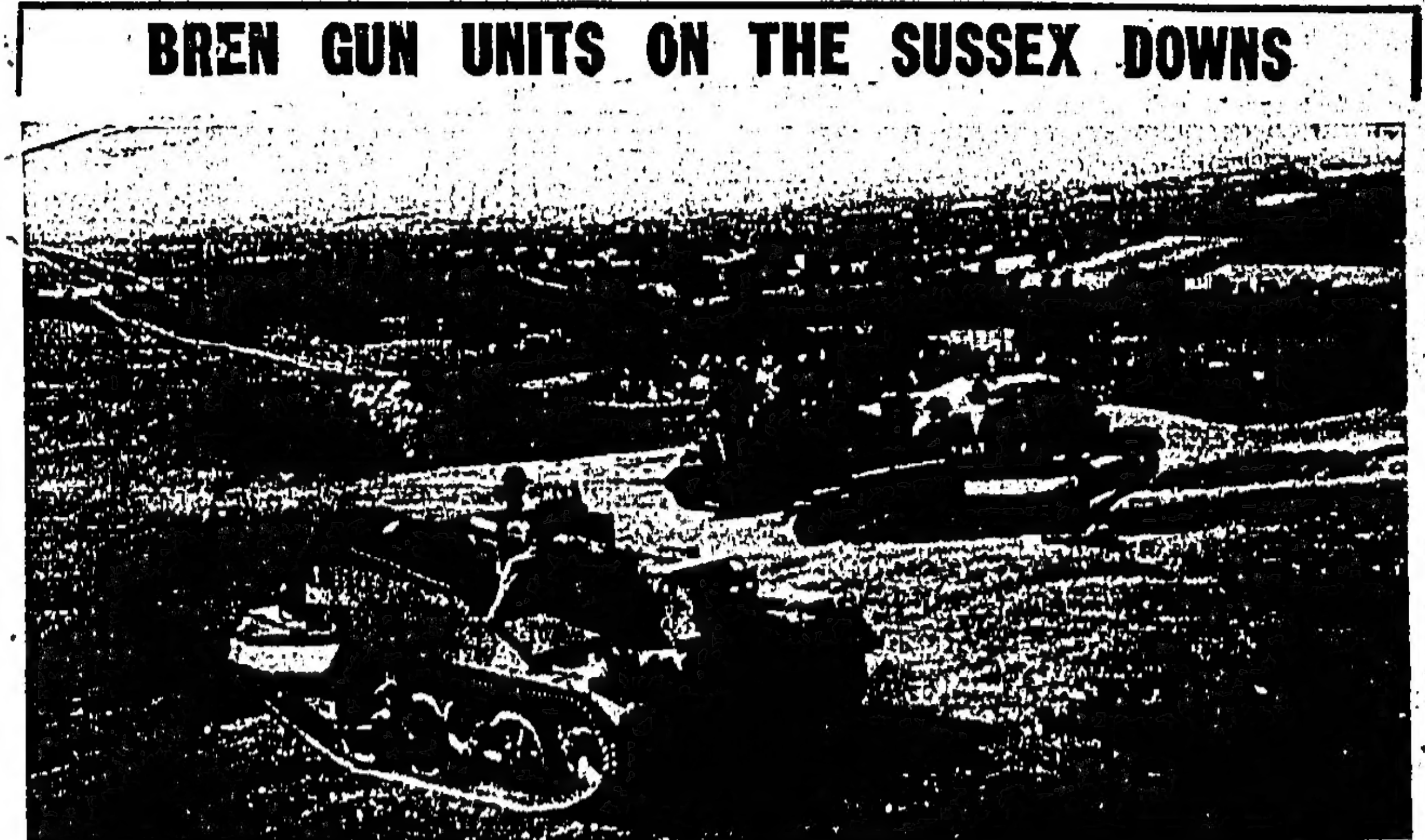
Apparently German astronomers are off the air too. These cosmic causes have not affected the short-wave transmissions from Britain or other parts of the world.

**Whine From Goebbels**  
 Besides doing a lot of damage to Germany, the R.A.F. are apparently disturbing Nazi Party activities.

Dr. Goebbels in a speech to-day to the Hitler Youth said that danger from the air in a number of districts frequently makes it completely impossible to carry on work.

An interesting sentence in his speech was his plea to parents to learn to trust those of their children who are members of the Hitler Youth.

**CIANO FOR ROME**  
 LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, ended his two-day visit to Berlin to-day and has left for Rome. Another traveller from Berlin, Senator Serrano Suñer, the Spanish Minister of the Interior, who is bound for Rome, will be calling at Munich en route.



The famous Sussex Downs, beloved of all English southerners, have taken on a new aspect since the start of the war. Over the grassland, heather and gorse daily manoeuvre Britain's ground defences—tanks, bren gun units, artillery, infantry, all maintaining fighting pitch against the day when Hitler might attempt an invasion. Here we see a bren gun unit moving up to defensive position on the rolling Sussex Downs.

## WOMEN, CHILDREN SENT TO SAFETY

### From London

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—More than 11,000 London women and children, many of them victims of German night raiders, found new and safe homes in the country during the week-end.

Accompanied by volunteer escorts and officials of the London County Council, they were taken from heavily bombed areas to various London stations and then to districts free from enemy bombing.

## No Bases For Japan Against America

### Vichy Promise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Sept. 29 (UP).—It is understood that the French Government has assured the United States that Japan will not be permitted to use Indo-China as a base of operations against the United States, the Philippines or the Netherlands East Indies.

The French Government has officially declared that its policy in the Far East is always subject to modification, if necessary, particularly should the United States enter the war.

In such an event France would remain neutral and the Vichy pact would not align the French against the Americans, or give Japan any bases for use against the United States.

## LATEST

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## BRITONS HELD

### Bucharest Silent On Intentions

BUCHAREST, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The mystery about Rumania's intentions towards the five British subject arrested at Eploești last week deepened to-day when the British military authorities to enquire about an announcement by the Police that their dossiers had been handed over to a military tribunal.

The attaché was informed that they had no knowledge of any such dossiers having been received. All attempts by British Consular officials to secure permission to visit Mrs. Tracy, wife of a Canadian mining engineer, have failed.

One brief visit was allowed to the men prisoners but efforts to see them again have been rigidly suppressed.

## ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF JAPANESE OFFICER IN SHANGHAI

### Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (UP).—It is now officially confirmed that the man shot in Hongkew yesterday, which resulted in the Japanese stopping all pedestrian and vehicular traffic from crossing into the International Settlement, was a Japanese army officer.

However, he was not killed. It is noteworthy that this is the first attempted assassination of a Japanese soldier since Hongkew was reopened to the Chinese.

**Man Seriously Hurt**  
 Virtual martial law was clamped down on Hongkew, the Japanese-occupied portion of the International Settlement, to-night, following an attempt by a Chinese gunman to assassinate a Japanese military officer, reports "Reuter".

## DUKE OF KENT SEES CANADIANS



An informal picture of the Duke of Kent with his son and daughter chatting with wounded Canadian soldiers at their new hospital in England. Princess Alexandra has a coy smile for the photographer.

## Labour Leader Of Australia

### Re-Election Likely

MELBOURNE, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—An informal count of preferences shows that Mr. John Curtin, the leader of the Australian Labour Party, will win his seat at Fremantle by over 500 votes.

This unexpected swing of absents and preferences and also the Labour improvement at Ballarat indicate that Party strength will be more even.

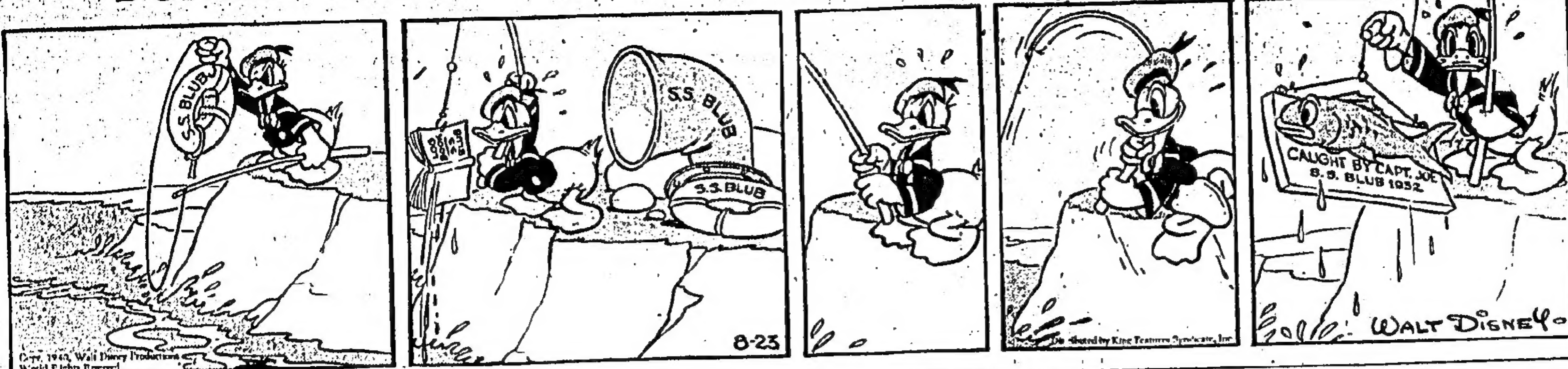
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## MAGAZINE PAGE

### ONE YEAR OF WAR

EDWARD BEATTIE, United Press Staff Correspondent, sums up on this page the position of Britain at the end of the first year of war.

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attack on Britain around the world.

Germany bore the entire burden of attack, but Italy and possibly Japan and Spain, were prepared to profit by Britain's concentration in the defence of her own long island sea coast.

At the end of the first year, Nazi troops held the entire coast of Europe from North Cape to the heel of Bizony, with friendly Spain beyond. It took Hitler just under ten months to seize it. Philip of Spain, and later Napoleon, needed years of campaigning and diplomacy before they were in position for thrusts which failed.

In the two months since the collapse of France, the German air force has been brought into position. Some of them can shoot into England. New air bases gave the German air force fighter protection for its thousands of bombing planes. Men and weapons have been concentrated in the lowland rivers, all for the frontal assault on England which Hitler swore to the Reichstag would come.

In the Mediterranean and Africa, Italy can strike at the wheat of Egypt or the barren oil fields back of Palestine. In Spain, the campaign for an attack on Gibraltar has resumed. In the Far East, Japan could move on Hongkong or Singapore, or the French and Dutch colonies, none of which now could expect much help from home.

British garrisons along the line of empire are prepared for attacks which may come in overwhelming numbers. At home, Britain is better prepared for defence than she ever has been in a history studded with war.

The story of the one year which put Hitler on the channel coast, and the flanking wings of his army in Brittany and the Norwegian fjord, is one of quiet, deadly, efficient strokes by the modernized all armies, matched against semi-preparedness or outmoded theories of war.

The invasion of Poland set the general keynote for the year. When the German armies struck from three sides on Sept. 1, 1939, they caught the best of the Polish armies too far forward toward a frontier very hard to defend, and the bulk of the army too far from full mobilization.

Poland, like every small or new country in Europe, could not afford the masses of guns and planes needed in modern war to take on a major opponent. The German air force in its first test reduced transport and communications to a shambles, making further mobilization next to impossible and producing such chaos that within a few days of the start the Polish army was a series of independent forces, fighting with no idea of general plan.

Great German pincer movements enveloped whole army corps, then armies. Panzerdivisions, the armoured spearheads led by 500 tanks which later proved decisive in France, played havoc with the Polish supply organization and reserves. The Polish air force was virtually immobilized after three or four days. Bone-dry weather hardened the Polish mud, which might have begged down the advance.

By September 10, it was obvious that resistance beyond a couple of months was impossible. September 17 Russia moved into eastern Poland, and the situation was hopeless. Warsaw held out under a blistering barrage until September 27; the army scraped together in the far south by General Sosnkowski lasted even longer; scattered resistance in the woods continued for weeks. But the war had been forced in the first week of the campaign.

The western front was static, as

The first year of the Second World War was a complete war in itself, a series of smashing blows which put the Axis powers into position for the

French strategy is based on the fact that the Germans threw up new forts along the still-unfinished Maginot line, and all of these fortifications could be used to

War flared up in the north November 20, when Russia invaded Finland. It was not the Axis war, but it would not have occurred without the war in the west.

Subsiding, the German army again when German tanks from Denmark and into Norway April 9, but Sweden, with the only army of consequence in the north, remained neutral. The German stroke, aided by both "Trojan Horse" and fifth column work, took every major port in Norway the first day. Oslo, Stavanger, Bergen, Trondheim, Egersund and Narvik.

What forces Norway could muster held out until British and other allied troops began to arrive April 13. The Allies had no port capable of handling heavy weapons, and the huge transport train required by a modern army. Meanwhile German transports, loaded with heavy losses, were pouring troops and equipment into south Norway under a blanketing escort of bombers.

German bombers and fighters slashed at the allied bases without opposition on save from inadequate anti-aircraft machineguns and a few

heavier weapons. There were no landing fields for British fighters in Norway, and their bases in England were too far away. At Andalsnes and Dombasnes planes were destroyed.

The year which began May 10 with the attack on Holland and Belgium, ended 30 days later when France sued for peace. It was the end of the classic's thirteen years of valuations, dictated by modern weapons and by the line of a campaign which must have been almost faster than even the most rapid.

It was carried out in perfect coordination of air, sea, army and navy troops, aided by the start of a fifth column, which probably was Hitler's secret weapon. Holland and Belgium had only a fraction of the necessary weapons to resist the attack, and the German army was in slightly better case.

The rear-guard action to Dunkirk, one of the most brilliant retreats in history, the 10 to one forlorn hope battles of the gallant RAF, and the effort of the British and French navies in the channel saved 335,000 men from the Dunkirk beaches, 224,318 of them British.

The drive turned on Paris way June 5 with the attack on the unprovoked Somme-Aisne. It was the same story. There was nothing on hand to stop the armoured divisions, with their 300 tanks ranging from fast light vehicles to monsters of a reported 70 to 80 tons mounting 300-yard flame throwers and heavy guns.

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November 18 marked the beginning of the German magnetic mine campaign off the British coast, effective while it was a novelty but largely nullified by a close airplane watch on the minelayers' base in the Frisian Islands, and by "de-Gaussing" equipment to neutralize the magnetic attraction of ships.

On December 2 the East Indian mailer Rawalpindi, converted into an armed auxiliary cruiser, ran afoul

of the pocket battleship Deutschland and a light cruiser in the North Atlantic, and was sunk after a game, but hopeless fight. She refused to strike colours.

Twelve days later, Britain got her own back when the light cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, whose total broadside was outweighed by the guns of the pocket battleship Graf Spee, attacked her off the mouth of the River Plate, bit at her for fourteen hours on the old Nelsonian principle of "always attack," and chased her stern-first into Montevideo, where she was shelled by the guns of the city, and a casualty list of 36 dead and 60 wounded. The Graf Spee had sunk nine British merchant ships. Three days later she sank herself off Montevideo, rather than risk another fight.

The night of February 17, the destroyer Cosack, steamed into Norwegian waters under Admiralty orders, ran the German steamer Altmärk aground in Jostedal, and after boarding her and forcing her crew overboard in a hand-to-hand fight, rescued over 300 British prisoners from the ships the Graf Spee had sunk. The Altmärk had been in Norwegian waters in the guise of a peaceable merchantman.

April 8, the Navy mined Norwegian territorial waters to close the inshore iron ore loophole from Narvik. The next day, for the only time in the war, the German fleet "got there fastest with the mostest," and succeeded in putting an expeditionary force on land, but at the expense of at least twelve transports and supply ships to British submarines.

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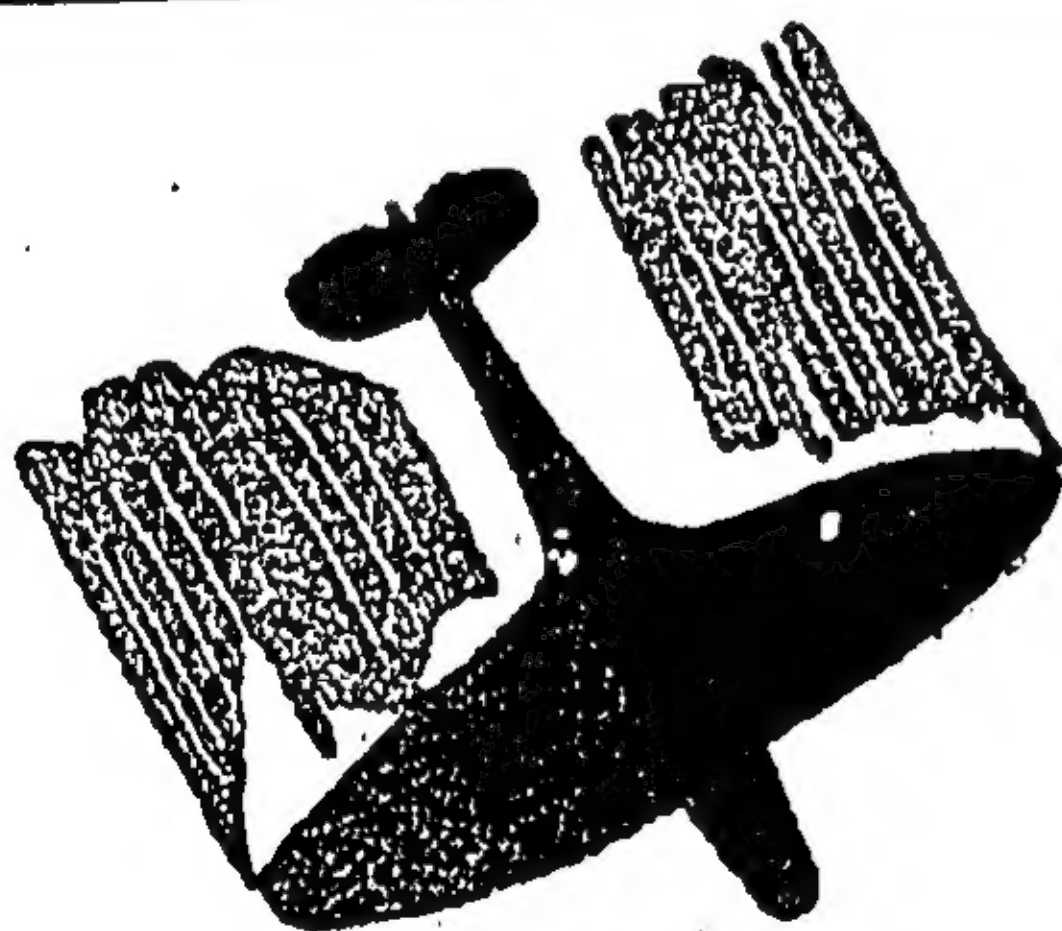
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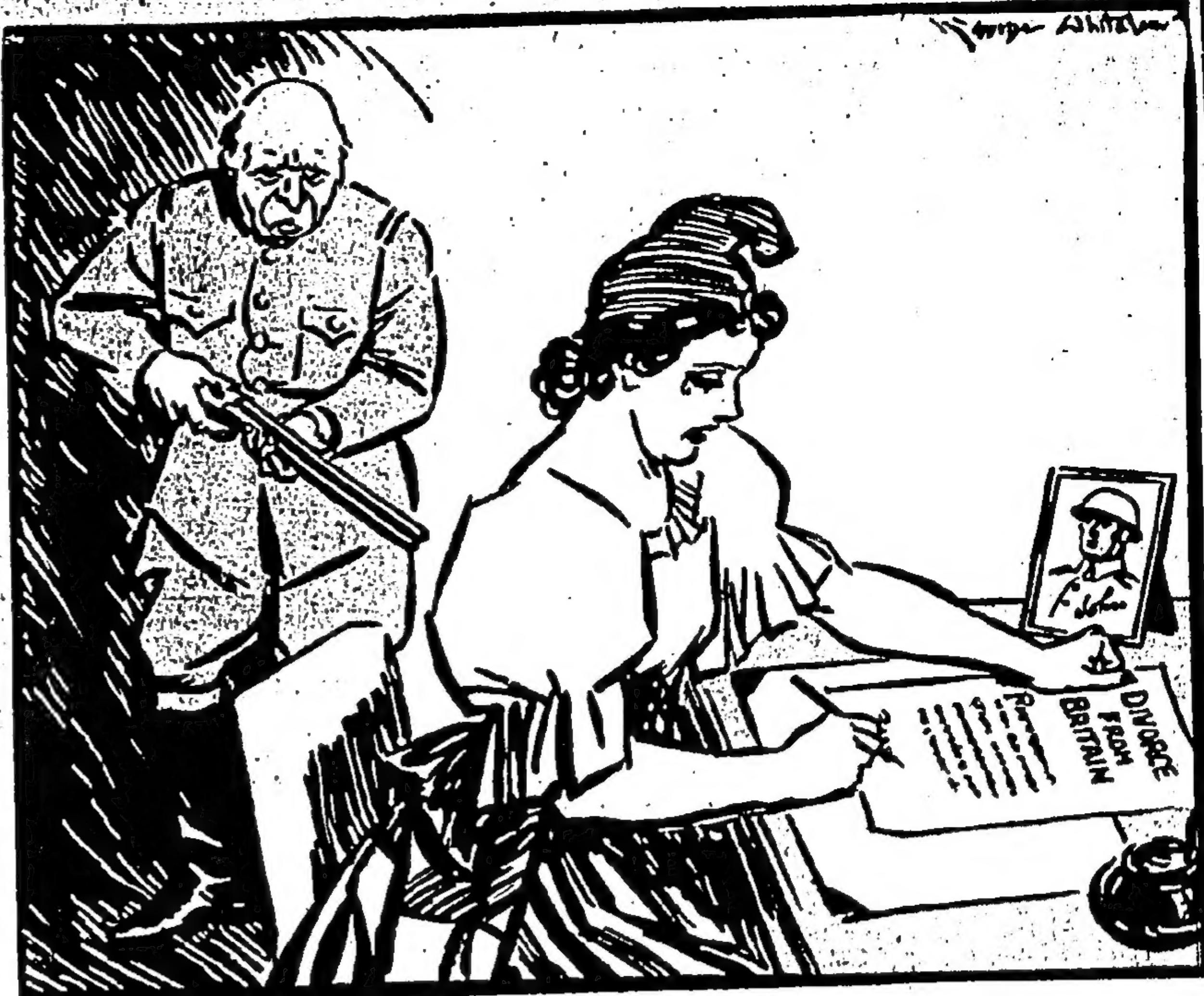
## TUNNELS FOR SAFETY

It has become an axiom that when officialdom is not indulging in the antics of the proverbial oyster, it is emulating the ostrich, oblivious to the things which make for enterprising progress. In this respect Hongkong probably suffers not very much more, or very much less, than other parts of the world where sacrosanct bureaucracy holds sway. Within recent months we have suffered some disturbing experiences of this oyster-cum-ostrich policy, notably the evacuation of our women and children. In the tackling too, of social problems Government has long displayed an ineptness equalled only by its cynical disregard of constructive suggestions made either through the columns of the press or in documented researches carried out by community-minded residents.

All of which only goes to make more impressive the announcement that Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele, Perkins, our Director of A.R.P., refuses to behave like an oyster when it comes to providing, within limitations which are obviously not his own, shelters for the Colony's population against possible air raids of the future. Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins has been to Chungking for the purpose of studying that city's successful A.R.P. He did not sneer at his instruction; on the contrary, knowing his job well and, recognising that the Chungking authorities have evolved their A.R.P. from bitter experience and not from academic theory, our Director has decided to apply similar principles of protection for Hongkong.

We welcome wholeheartedly his scheme for a tunnel-shelter in Blake Gardens which will be constructed of hollow concrete blocks. Experience elsewhere in the world has proved that this type of shelter is highly effective. But, if the protection of the Colony's populace against raids is to be thorough, we must have many more tunnels of the same type. We still believe the Peak offers an ideal and natural A.R.P. shelter, and that a tunnel, strategically placed, would be capable of saving tens of thousands of lives in the event of air attacks.

There is no lack of initiative and enterprise with our A.R.P. Director, but so far he has had to struggle against suspicious officialdom on the one hand, and an apathetic public on the other; if Hongkong is to be adequately protected against air raids he must be supported to the full by both these sections of the community. The public, not without a certain measure of justification, has felt that hitherto they have received little in return for the ever-increasing expenditure on A.R.P. But if, and when, Government sanctions a full-sized A.R.P. scheme on the lines of the experimental Blake Gardens tunnel, the authorities need have little fear of the Colony protesting about expense. No taxpayer, mind, financing a vital necessity, all he asks for is an adequate return for his money, which, in this case, is safety for his life.



SHOTGUN DIVORCE

The battle for  
BRITAIN

Here, reprinted as an  
article, is the full text of a  
speech made by Mr. C. R.  
Attlee, Lord Privy Seal,  
in a broadcast.

LAST Thursday in the House of Commons the Prime Minister, in a moving and eloquent speech, described the action which was taken to prevent the French Fleet passing into the hands of our enemies.

It was a tragic necessity which compelled us, when all persuasion had proved unavailing, to open fire on those who had so lately been our comrades-in-arms.

Every one of those who had to take this grievous decision felt the most intense reluctance, but every one realised where their duty lay, not only to our own people, but to the French also, and to all those who are now under the yoke of the Nazis.

If France is to rise again Britain must not fail. If Europe is to be free Nazism must be defeated. If the one remaining citadel of liberty in Europe is to be preserved its defenders must not shrink from taking those actions which the situation demands.

More than this, it is resolved, as the Prime Minister said, to prosecute the war with the utmost vigour until the righteous purposes for which we have entered upon it have been fulfilled.

I am certain that the House of Commons truly reflected the spirit of the nation at this critical time. We know that the British Commonwealth and Empire is now standing alone and that we in the heart of it shall soon be facing the full onslaught of our enemies.

I believe that we shall meet it with courage and defeat it in whatever form it may come. I was glad the other day to meet men from overseas who are fighting alongside with us in our hour of need.

I am full of confidence in the men of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force.

## They Will Not Fall

Yesterday I was visiting some of our defences in a sector which is held by the men of the regiment in which I served in the last war. I was greatly encouraged by seeing the work which had been done and by the bearing of our men. They will not fall us.

Naturally, my thoughts turned to the last war. I recalled how, when one was about to go into action, one had a certain calm of mind, a dedication to the immediate task. In the waiting time before zero hour one's thoughts might turn to the kind of world one hoped to see

after the war, but it was not worth while thinking much of one's own part in it.

To-day it is not the fighting men alone, but the whole nation which is waiting for zero hour.

We are engaged in total warfare against an enemy who will neglect no means of attaining his aim, an enemy who is utterly ruthless in his methods.

He will fix the zero hour to suit himself. I want us all to use the waiting time, be it long or short, to the best possible advantage to our cause.

I stress the point that all of us have to play our part. It is not easy for us in this country, which has been so long immune from invasion, to realise that we are all in it.

It has not been easy to fit everybody into the kind of service which they wish, although much has been done, but there are duties which can be performed by all, whatever their occupation.

## His Other Weapon

We have recently witnessed the overthrow of a great nation—France. This was not brought about only by force of arms. It was caused very largely by the use of Hitler's other weapon, the destruction of the unity, confidence and morale of the people, resulting in the paralysis of its will power at the critical time.

This has always been his most effective weapon.

Nation after nation has been overrun because they were beguiled into a refusal to face facts. They refused to understand the nature of the thing against which they were fighting.

Neutral States hoped that they would not be brought into the struggle. A short-sighted idea of self-preservation prevented the essential unity of spirit of the civilised nations of Europe from being translated into action.

That is why we now face the barbarians alone.

But the sapping of the unity of the Western nations had its parallel in the disunity within the various States.

Sectional interests were stimulated in order to destroy the power of resistance.

Skilful use was made of national differences by the Nazi propagandists, but not only of national differences.

The Nazis were able to persuade some well-to-do people that they were the saviours of society against Red revolution.

They now seek, without the slightest possibility of success, to persuade the workers that they are the friends of the poor against the ruling classes.

British writers are far too well informed of actual facts of Nazi

rule to be deceived by this. They are well aware that the Nazis seek to impose on the world a new ruling class themselves, more brutal and more oppressive than any of which they have had experience.

## They Are Traitors

Every one of us is a fighter against this Hitler weapon. There is a phrase used a great deal now—"Fifth Columnists." I don't like it. I prefer the old-fashioned word, traitors.

I do not think there are many active traitors in this country. There are a few British who have accepted the Nazi doctrine or the Nazi pay. There are, no doubt, a few foreigners who are pro-Nazi, though the vast majority of those in this country are here just because they have stood up against Nazi oppression.

But there are people in this country who unconsciously play the game of the Fifth Column—the game of the traitors.

Men and women who talk defeatism, who sow distrust and disunity, people who believe that whatever happens they will be all right and will be allowed to carry on their businesses, people who are loyal to the principles of freedom and democracy for which we are fighting.

Just as we have organised the Local Defence Volunteers to deal with attacks from parachutists and the like, so every individual in the community ought to see to it that he strengthens the fortress of his soul against the attack on morale, which is Hitler's great weapon.

## Back to Barbarism

There is one particular phase of Nazi propaganda which I must mention. It endeavours to represent Nazism as something new, young and vigorous, standing for the future against the past.

It is nothing of the kind. It is a reversion to the past, a reversion to barbarism.

Europe has had to stand such attacks before. The Battle of Britain will take its place in history with the Battle of Chalons, when the Huns were defeated.

In this Battle of Britain we are fighting for our very existence, but we are fighting for something more.

It has been the endeavour of the Nazis to exalt and foster the lowest instincts of human nature, cruelty, greed and intolerance.

We are fighting the battle of man's higher nature. We shall not be unworthy of our cause. In the realm of the spirit we do not stand alone.

Everywhere the hearts of all who care for liberty are with us. We are now holding the bridgehead of freedom. When we have defeated this attack the rising forces of freedom in all lands will bring about the downfall of Hitler and the Nazi system.

We know that the fight will be hard and the sacrifices great.

When victory is won, it will be the duty of those who have to take up the task of reconstruction to be worthy of these sacrifices and to establish a free and peaceful Europe, wherein all may enjoy their freedom.

Nazism everywhere destroyed.

WINDSORS  
MUST  
ECONOMISEBy Joan Younger  
United Press Staff  
Correspondent

Nassau, The Bahamas, Sept. 29 (UP).—The question of whether the "personal touch" of the American-born Duchess of Windsor can transform the old government house decorations without exceeding the official budget, has society excitedly wondering.

The Bahamian House of Assembly recently authorised \$8,000 for redecoration and it was understood that the Duchess planned to work with her friend, Lady Mond, in decorating the 140-year-old mansion.

At present the main living room furniture in the mansion is done in rose—the favourite colour of Queen Mother Mary—and a ten-foot tall picture of the Queen as a youthful bride dominates the spacious dining room. (Queen Mary has often been reported as one of the royal family who opposed the return of the Duchess of Windsor to Britain after her marriage to the former King.)

A staff of six servants has been maintained at the mansion, but there was a general belief that more would be added by the new governor.

Fantastic stories have sprung up here regarding treasures which the Duke and Duchess are bringing to bedeck the house. These stories have aroused some fear among friends of the couple that a tempest in a teapot would be created in a town society gets the impression that their tastes were too extravagant. More than one governor of Nassau in the past has seen his requests for a change of residence or increased living credits flatly and hotly rejected by the local legislature.

The outgoing governor, Sir Charles Dundas, after completing the construction of new government houses on fashionable Prospect Heights tried to get the legislature to approve transfer of his official residence there but was refused. Any desire on the part of the Duke and Duchess to move from the present mansion built in 1801 and containing seven bedrooms, six bathrooms and 24 other rooms including the executive council chambers, private secretary's office and grand ballroom, would probably meet similar objections.

Vivyan Drury, one of the Duke's aide-camps who spent the winter in Nassau, has acquired two estates for the Duke, Four Winds and Tipling, at exclusive Cable Beach, it was learned here. Whether the Duke and Duchess will choose to live in them, or merely want them to house members of their entourage, is question of importance to Nassau society.

It is clear from comment here that the social impression made in the first weeks at Nassau may affect the tenure of the Duke's stay as governor. Nassau was outspoken against the former King's abdication and marriage but the two newspapers of the island are urging the population to give the couple the greatest co-operation.

The Nassau Daily Tribune in an editorial said:

"We refuse to be hypocritical. We do not agree with the abdication. We do not agree with it now with the Duke on the colony's doorstep. And we do not hesitate to say that nothing can happen to make us change our view."

"A fact that the Duke must face and this colony must face is that his administration can be only one of two things—a glorious success and a turning point in his career, or a colossal failure."

When the Duke and Duchess stepped ashore from Prince George wharf they were greeted by Chief Justice O. B. Daly in his scarlet robes, the 11 other members of the Executive Council (who will compose his cabinet), a guard of 100 native troops, the crowds in the streets and the leaders of society.

The Duke was inducted into office by taking the oath to be "governor and commander-in-chief in and over the Bahamas, vice-admiral and ordinary of the same" and an oath of allegiance to his brother, King George VI.

The Bahamas cover an area of 444 square miles, comprising 29 islands, 861 says and over 2,000 reefs stretching from 50 miles off the Florida coast to within sight of Cuba. Nassau papers have stated that if the Duke's mission is a success it is possible that Nassau will become the capital of all British possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

FIGHT TO LAST  
MAN; BEACH  
ARMY IS ORDERED

SHOULD an invading German force come out of the morning mist and, cutting through the protective screen of the Navy and R.A.F., succeed in landing in Britain it will face remnants of an army ordered to fight to the last man.

"There is no question of our retiring to a second line defence," said a major in a famous Scots unit which saw service in the Battle of France. For this reason these men have only an academic interest in what goes on beyond the beaches.

What the rest of the 2,500,000-strong Army and Home Guard are doing is not their concern. They are there for one purpose—to do or die.



# EIRE WILL STAY NEUTRAL AN IRISHMAN STATES HIS COUNTRY'S CASE

By Ruel S. Moore  
United Press Staff Correspondent

THE Irish government's policy of neutrality in the European war is briskly championed by Irish leaders whenever observers in Britain or America suggest in her own interests Eire should join forces with Britain in the war against Germany and Italy.

They insist that it is only want of knowledge of conditions in Ireland which prompts these suggestions.

"Ireland's neutrality is essential for her continued state existence," is the way one very well-informed Irishman put it.

His opinions are not official but his analysis of the situation constituted one of the clearest expositions by an objective Irishman of Ireland's point of view towards the war which encountered.

"To surrender Ireland's neutrality in favour of Great Britain, as it has been suggested she should do," he said, "would provoke civil war and chaos, a state of things which would be no help to England."

## Would Near Civil War

"On the contrary, at this critical moment, it might seriously interfere with her prosecution of the war. It would constitute a danger from without, but also from within, because an Irish civil war now would have a socialist content sufficient to make its results felt among the working classes in England."

"A civil war in Ireland might be followed by a civil war in England where socialist and communist propaganda has been allowed a free rein."

"Ireland's neutrality is the best protection for England as well as for herself. Her soldiers are increasing in number and strength every day, and their defence of their territory would be inspired by memories giving them a tenacity and stamina which no external troops fighting in Ireland could possess. There is no comparison between Ireland's position and that of the neutral countries on the fringe of the continent, and our military problem is entirely different."

In Ireland, as in most countries, there are partisans on one side and the other. The long antagonism between the Irish and English have left some Irishmen embittered, and some would welcome a German victory over their old enemies out of hatred for the British.

## Don't Want Us To Lose

But the Irishman whose opinions are quoted here said no objective Irishman desires to see Britain beaten or holds any hope it would improve the country's lot.

"The reign of Toryism and of the upper class in England is drawing surely to an end," he said. "The mass of the people in England are coming into their own, and governments of the future in the near Britain will have no sympathy with the idea of the class which in the past kept Ireland down and which is still responsible for the division of Ireland."

"There are millions of Irish people in England, and a very real friendship was developing between the two nations increasing in depth as interference by England grew less."

"This evolution was making steady progress in England before the war, and the war, whatever its consequences otherwise, will speed up the process."

## Ireland's Problems

"In the past, the English's policy to weaken Ireland on her flank so as to secure England's domination of Europe. If Germany wins, relations with England may become more difficult because a continental power may want to acquire privileges in Ireland for the purpose of keeping England down which Ireland may not be able to refuse. Ireland, which, in the past, had only to fight on one political front, may be obliged to appease the claims of two European powers."

"The war came at the wrong moment in the history of Anglo-Irish relations. Had another twenty or thirty years passed, a united Ireland might have made a pact with England which would have made both countries stronger."

"But as things are, Ireland, while preparing with all speed to meet any invader, is watching the future with calm and trust. The country has met harder days in the course of its history, and is not afraid to face its new destiny whatever it may be."

## Navy Now Has First Woman Doctor

Mother of the children

LONDON, Sept. 28 (UP).—Dr. Attracta Genevieve Rawcastle, the first woman doctor to be appointed to the Royal Navy, is the mother of three children, one of whom may shortly be joining the navy.

Dr. Rawcastle's grant of the relative rank of surgeon-lieutenant, R.N.V.R., is not only the honour she has received since the war. A few weeks ago she received the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice from the Pope in recognition of her services to the Roman Catholic community.

Throughout her medical career she has taken special interest in child welfare matters. After qualifying in her native Dublin, she was house surgeon at St. Ultan's hospital there and later became assistant school medical officer at Sheffield, England.

# United States Drawn Closer To Communists

ISTANBUL, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The new pact between the Axis Powers and Japan is considered here as simply consecration of the union already existing between the three partners.

"Istanbul," expressing the general Turkish view, says that the pact is indisputably directed against America as well as the Soviet Union, and adds: "The community of interests between the Soviet Union and America arising from this aggressive coalition now compels them to join with Britain to organise a strong common front against the ambition of the totalitarian Powers to subvert and dominate the whole world."

## Soviet Press Interested

MOSCOW, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull's statement that the Japanese-Axis alliance had made clear a "relationship which had long existed in effect" is given considerable prominence in the Soviet Press this morning.

The Soviet Press also carried a lengthy despatch from the New York correspondent of the "Tass" agency referring to the ever-increasing output of the American armaments industry.

The newspaper, "Trud," publishes an article from "Gazette Lousanne," stating that America has a naval superiority over Japan in the Pacific.

# FRENCH AID IN DESERT

Free French troops are fighting side by side with British forces in the western desert. It is revealed in Cairo to-day.

"Reuter's" correspondent with the British Army says that these Free Frenchmen, escaped from German-controlled areas and are now occupying a forward position opposing the Italian advance.

Their French commander, who fought at Verdun in the Great War, escaped to Palestine from Syria a few hours after General Eugene Mitterhauser laid down his arms.

Spahis And Zouaves  
About 80 per cent. are Frenchmen, the rest including Spahis and Zouaves.

They displayed first-class fighting ability during the early stages of the Italian advance. An armoured car unit manned by Free Frenchmen attacked the head of an Italian column which, despite its numerical superiority, was forced to halt.

The skirmish was fought at a range of 700 yards. The leading Italian motor cyclists flung themselves on the ground and waited for the support of artillery and machine guns before replying to the fire of the French.

Munitions Saved  
When the French withdrew, a heavy gun lorry got stuck. Its crew refused to abandon it although the Italians were attacking from only 400 yards range. They pushed it clear while the gunner returned the fire of the Italians. Both gun and lorry were saved.

The valuable help they have given to British troops in the western desert is praised in a statement from British Headquarters in Cairo to-day.

This statement revealed that there is a large French reserve force in Egypt ready to take the field when its training is completed.

# Fitting New Gas Mask Filters

Varying Systems

Confusion has been caused over the fitting of the new gas-mask filter, arrangements for which vary in different areas. In some areas wardens visit each household and fit the filter; in others the public are expected to call at an A.R.P. centre.

In Kensington, for instance, a staff of about a dozen has attended a stream of applicants at the Queen's Gate centre. In Wandsworth the task is done by house-to-house visits. In other districts people still await instructions.

At the Ministry of Home Security it was stated that the choice of method is left to the chief A.R.P. officer in the locality, and that the public should apply to him for information.

# HONGKONG AIR MAIL SERVICES

P-M-G's Statement

The Post Office is uncertain when it can expect mail held up by the suspension of the Bangkok-Hongkong air route.

"Bangkok has not advised us what it is doing with the mail, or even if there is any mail," said the Postmaster General (Mr. R.A.D. Forrest) this morning.

"They will send the mail on by boat, I expect, as rapidly as they can."

"The airline may have taken the mail back to Singapore when they found they could not get through."

"But until we get definite news we will not know just when the letters will be arriving."

# LULL IN N. AFRICA

Desultory Raids Exchanged

CAIRO, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communiqué states that enemy air activity in the western desert was slight.

R.A.F. bombers made a night attack on an enemy lorry concentration 15 miles west of Bardia. Enemy positions at Fort Maddalena were bombed.

A mechanical transport concentration south-east of Sidi Barrani was attacked, all bombs falling in the target areas.

Bombing of Kenya  
CAIRO, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued by British G.H.Q. states that on September 27 enemy aircraft bombed Buna (Kenya) causing no casualties.

A petrol engagement near War, Garis resulted in 12 of the enemy being killed.

There is nothing to report in Sudan, Egypt and Palestine.

# Italians Attack Malta

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—A Malta message to-day confirmed the Cairo communiqué about Italian raids on Malta on Saturday afternoon.

A Malta communiqué says that two formations of Italian planes attacked the port. In addition to the enemy fighters shot down by Hurricanes, two Italian bombers were damaged and probably failed to return to their base.

Damage to civilian property was remarkably slight. A number of bombs fell in fields, causing slight damage to telephone wires.

# WOMAN BELIEVED POLITICAL MURDER VICTIM

Was Amelia Maria Yankovic, 38-year-old Yugoslav domestic servant in the quiet Surrey village of East Horsley, an associate of political terrorists?

And does such an association supply the clue to her murder by strangling? Scotland Yard has been seeking the answer to these questions since her body was recovered from the Thames on June 18, two days after she had been murdered.

Two facts are established. The dead woman had a number of friends in London.

She told her village friends in East Horsley that she was going to London for her marriage.

But the police believe she had a much better position in life before she came to England.

They are anxious to get into touch with anyone who knew her and "friends may be able to clear up some of their problems."

Any details of her contemplated marriage would materially help. Also, in 1935, she took a Continental holiday. The police want to discover exactly where she went.



The bombing of a German big gun emplacement cut in the chalk cliffs of Calais. The bomb following these seen exploding scored a direct hit.

# JAPANESE TEAR DOWN FLAG

FROM PAGE ONE

ders to hold fire which permitted the Japanese to surround the city. They complained that native traitors acted as guides for the Japanese.

Langson was attacked by 20,000 Japanese. The town was unable to hold out against the terrific aerial and artillery bombardments which destroyed the French anti-tank emplacements.

Army Disarmed  
Many Frenchmen and one American-born Foreign Legionnaire are among the prisoners taken by the Japanese at Langson where a large portion of Indo-China's army has been disarmed.

French officers said the Japanese are distributing propaganda among the natives of Indo-China inciting them against white men. However, they said that many of the stories of atrocities have been exaggerated.

Eight French soldiers attempting to escape capture, are reported to have been slowly bayoneted to death.

Stories by French officers who escaped from Langson are numerous. It is reported that 140 Frenchmen escaped through the Japanese lines. Two officers reached Hanoi yesterday after a 70-mile walk, crossing and re-crossing the Japanese lines.

Haiphong Latest  
The Japanese have distributed pamphlets among the natives explaining the New Order in East Asia and also warning them not to resist the Japanese.

Reports from Haiphong state that the Japanese there are federating with the Indo-Chinese and at the same time requiring Europeans to show Japanese passes without which they are not permitted to walk in the streets.

# R.A.F. REACH TARGETS

FROM PAGE ONE

power stations and anti-aircraft gun positions were bombed. Elsewhere in north Germany, targets included important railway centres and airbases.

The naval base at Wilhelmshaven was strongly attacked and fires and explosions were caused. Along the Channel coast, Le Havre, Cherbourg, Brest and Dunkirk were all heavily bombed as well as a line of big gun emplacements near Cap Gris Nez.

The enemy base at Lorient was again attacked. Two of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

Pilot Tells Story  
Describing the attack on a munitions factory at Hanau, one of the pilots said: "A fire was already burning in the factory when we got there. We made out two oblong buildings, one of which was well ablaze. The second one had not caught fire properly but it was too good a target to miss."

"Smoke from the fires was curling up a thousand feet above us when we pulled out of our dive. The whole building seemed to go up in flames."

"We came round again and bombed a second time in a level attack. When we left, the fires were still burning fiercely."

"It looked to me as if the whole factory block had gone up in flames, not one building alone, but all the surrounding blocks. It was just roaring up in a mass of flames."

# COLONY'S DELEGATE

It is notified that the Hon. Mr. Henry Robert Butters has resumed duty as Principal Secretary, with effect from September 28, 1940.

It is learned that Mr. Butters, who was appointed Hongkong's delegate to the Empire Defence conference in India, will not now be going, and that another representative is being appointed. He therefore resumes his local duties.

# AMERICAN TOMMY GET M.M.

Admiral's Son

First American serving with the British Army to be decorated is Lance-Corporal Harold Arthur Sims, of the Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

He has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry under fire at Dunkirk, where he served as wireless operator and gunner in a tank.

His grandfather Admiral W. Soden Sims, commanded the U.S. Fleet in European waters during the last war, in which his father, Commander George Sims, also served with the U.S. Navy.

Although born in this country, Lance-Corporal Sims has never adopted British nationality. His mother, who lives at Melis, Suffolk, said:

"Harold has not mentioned his Military Medal, but he is delighted with his Lance-Corporal's stripe. He joined the Army as a trooper soon after he left school, and celebrated his 21st birthday in Belgium. His younger brother is 19 and is training in the Royal Air Force as a rear gunner."

British Children Now Collect Herbs  
LONDON, Sept. 28 (UP).—The progress of the war has cut off the supplies of many medicinal plants on which doctors and chemists rely for many prescriptions.

School-children throughout Britain are being recruited to revive a centuries-old British industry the collection of herbs and plants used in medicines to remedy the shortage.

The co-operation of the school-children is being enlisted by the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers. They will be paid according to the amount they collect.

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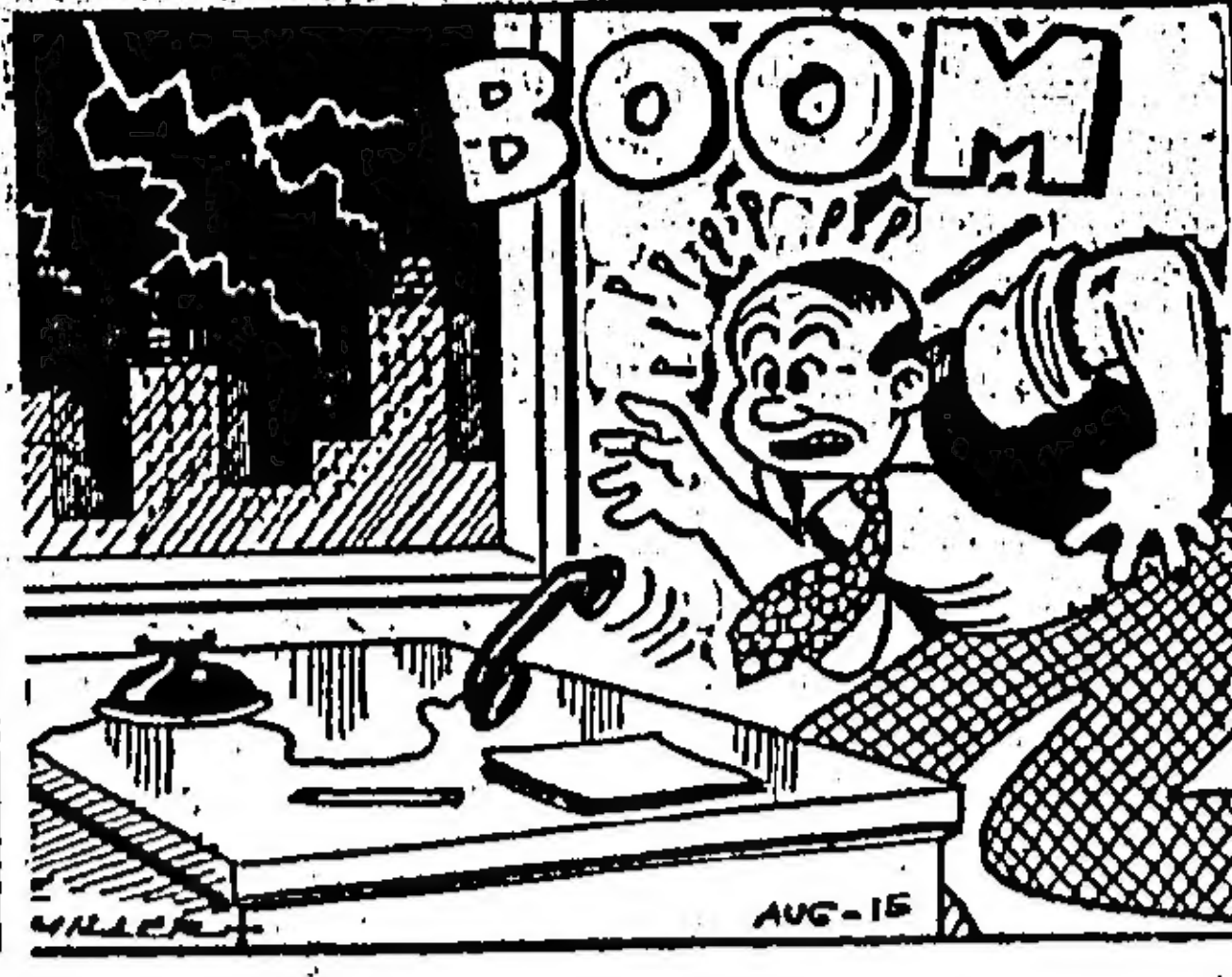
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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Officer Pays £125 Breach of Promise Damages DANCE HOSTESS SUES "FASCINATED" COLONEL WHO MARRIED OTHER GIRL



FRENCH helmets carried by two members of the Hadfield Spears mobile hospital unit on their arrival in London

FASCINATED by a dance hostess at a West End night club, fifty-four-year-old Lieut.-Colonel Humphrey Pellew Forster Mills asked her out to dine, and at their second meeting asked her to marry him. The girl, daughter of a Chinese-born father and an English mother, eventually said yes.

In the High Court, just ten months later, Colonel Mills was ordered to pay her £125 damages for breach of promise.

The girl is Miss Kathleen Lee, of Ivor-court, Gloucester-place, W. Her counsel, Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., unfolded the month-by-month story of their whirlwind romance and its sudden collapse—in a taxi cab for one.

It was last October that they met, through a brother officer of Colonel Mills, said Mr. Levy. Miss Lee was twenty-four and an orphan. Her father was originally Chinese and became a naturalised British subject. He was a tutor at King's College, London. Her mother was English, and Miss Lee was educated at a convent.

In the summer of 1939 she became a dance hostess at the Florida Club, W. and earned about £5 a week. Colonel Mills was over fifty and was clearly attracted by Miss Lee. He asked her to see him again. At their second meeting he asked her to become engaged, and he insisted on putting a ring on her finger. She wore it while she was making up her mind.

They met often, he telephoned to her almost every day, and he wrote her letters speaking of his love for her. We are well and truly engaged, he wrote. And very nice, too.

### Day Was Fixed

It was in December that he informed her that he had decided to marry her. In the meantime the general officer commanding the marriage was arranged for February 3.

He informed her, in another letter, that she was "dear, sweet and lovely" and that he could not wait to marry her.

Colonel Mills told her that his income was about £90 a month, and he promised to open a banking account for her with £50, and make her a monthly dress allowance of £15.

"I love you and you are utterly adorable," he wrote. "On February 3 I am going to marry you. Whoopie!"

It was in January that things changed. The colonel, said Mr. Levy, wrote her called "a difficult letter to compose."

He called himself a poor man, and suggested that she could never exist on the £220 or £300 a year which was all he could hope for when the war was over.

"I am fifty-five, or nearly so," he wrote, "and I cannot deceive myself about my chances of earning. You are young and beautiful; my ways are not yours. Your friends would bore me; my friends would drive you crazy in a week."

Miss Lee, went on counsel, was dazed when she got the letter. She met the colonel later at Charing Cross, and he said he had changed his mind. He put her in a taxi cab and saw her off.

### To Some One Else

It was in February—on the second—that Colonel Mills got married. Not to Miss Lee, but to some one else. After that parting at the taxi cab door they did not meet again until yesterday, in court.

Miss Lee, wearing a navy-blue dress with white collar and cuffs, stepped into the witness-box. She said that they met about six times after becoming engaged, and altogether she received about £75 from the colonel.

At first she admired him. Later she grew to love him, was ready to marry him and settle down as his wife.

Mr. Justice Singleton: What was it you admired about the defendant? Miss Lee: He was an upright and honourable senior officer and gentleman.

Miss Lee left the witness-box, and Colonel Mills, grey-haired, grey-moustached, entered it. A row of medals and ribbons drew the eye to the left breast of his tunic.

He said that his first wife died in 1933 and he had two daughters, one twenty-three, the other twenty-one. He admitted that he was fascinated by Miss Lee.

Later he thought she was more

### THESE TOWERS WILL GO

THE two great towers of the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham, S.E., all that was left of the famous fire in 1936, are to be demolished, so that the iron may be used for war purposes.

The trustees have placed a contract for the work to be put in hand immediately.

The towers, 284 feet high, were built to carry water tanks which would give sufficient pressure to operate the fountains in the palace and grounds.

Visitors who climbed them, either by 400 steps or by the lift, had a magnificent view of London and of as far afield as Epsom Downs and Windsor.

## Betty (aged 15) Helps To Get Two German Airmen

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BETTY BROWN, daughter of a farmer in South-East England, helped to arrest the pilot and gunner of a German plane that had crashed near her home.

"I was in my riding clothes, and was just going to put on my boots for a morning ride," said Betty, a tall, well-built Scots girl, "when suddenly mother shouted: 'There's a German plane down over there.'"

"I rushed out and saw the swastika on its side. I jumped the fence and ran towards it. I felt very foolish, because my slippers kept coming off, but I managed to stumble on somehow."

### "Well Behaved"

"Then some of our workmen, and our milkman, Reg Randall, started out towards the machine, and I saw the two Germans walking along. They gave themselves up to the men. The pilot had a revolver, but he surrendered it without any fuss."

"I must say they were awfully well-behaved. The pilot, an officer, was tall and good looking, about twenty-five, I should say. He said: 'I am a German, I speak English.' The other was a working-class sort of fellow and said nothing."

Betty's father, Mr. William Brown, a native of Leicestershire, said: "I brought them in for a cup of tea and a cigarette. The pilot said he had been brought down twice before, in Poland and France."

"He told us he had friends here. He spoke warmly about our country. He looked out of the window and said: 'Never thought I'd land in old England like this.'"

"He seemed thoroughly at ease as he sat in the easy chair while we waited for an escort. When they came he stood up, saluted smartly and bowed, then said: 'Thank you very much for your cup of tea.'"

"One of our men said to him: 'It's not you we are fighting, but Hitler. He replied quietly: 'It's not right we fight England, but the Fuehrer made us, and we worship the ground he walks on!'"

Interested in the money he gave her from time to time than in him, and in the end he wrote and broke off the engagement.

Asked if that was the real reason he broke off the engagement, Colonel Mills said: "The real reason was complete incompatibility." He added that his marriage had nothing to do with breaking off the engagement to Miss Lee.

## All Canada's Men Will Be Trained

Every able-bodied Canadian is to be trained to defend his home. A call has already been made for 75,000 men to be trained in the next three months.

In a broadcast, the Minister for Air, Mr. C. G. Power, declared:—

"This nation will be no hoarde of refugees, untrained, untaught, helpless and impotent, fleeing blindly in the face of the enemy."

"Rifles, machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns are not of much use to a novice who does not know one end of a gun from the other."

"This calling-up of 75,000 men is quite a job and it will need readiness, willingness, goodwill, tolerance and every help possible from you."

"The plain, simple facts are that the courage of the peoples of the British Commonwealth, the gallantry of our Air Forces, the power of our Navies, and the steadfastness of our soldiers are all that stand between freedom and slavery, between civilisation and barbarism, between the survival of good and the domination of evil."

"We are fighting alone in the last ditch for all we and the world of free men hold dear."

### "It Is Our Battle"

Colonel J. L. Ralston, Minister for Defence, said recruiting was going on in every district of Canada and units of non-permanent active militia (corresponding to the Territorials) were to be recruited up to full strength and additional units would be formed.

He added that the home defence units would be trained at night and at district headquarters so that the men would not be forced to leave their jobs.

"The battle of Britain has started," he declared. "It is also the battle of Canada."

## Evacuees Don't Have To Pay Rent Homes

HOUSEHOLDERS who have been ordered to leave British evacuation areas will not have to pay rent for their locked-up homes.

Nor will they have to pay rates, water, gas, electricity or telephone charges while they are away.

A Government order to this effect has been issued. It also affords relief to business people.

"No one will be able to remain in occupation of any premises or to live or carry on business in an evacuation area simply because he intends, when circumstances permit, to return or to resume the business," says the Order.

"No sum will be recoverable during the evacuation period under any contract for hire or hire-purchase of goods by a person who in the case of goods used solely for the purpose of a business, has ceased to carry on the business in an evacuation area, or in any other case, has ceased to live in the area."

These reliefs do not apply to contracts entered into after the issue of the Order.

A Court has power to modify the reliefs if it is satisfied that a person entitled to possession of unoccupied premises has at any time lived in the area since the beginning of the evacuation period, and

If the person liable has been enjoying a substantial benefit from the premises or goods.

Power is also given to courts to restrain execution of orders for recovery of possession of land against anyone so affected by evacuation that he cannot pay his rent or mortgage interest immediately.

## JAPANESE OUTRAGE

### Motor-Boat Attacks Ten Cargo Junks

A Japanese motor-boat sunk three junks after dumping their cargoes overboard and rammed a capsize boat on which survivors clung, according to a report made to the Police on Saturday by Lo Chi, a junk fooki.

Lo stated that at 8 a.m. on Friday, a convoy of 10 boats was near Lin Tin, Chinese Territory, when it was attacked by a Japanese motor-boat.

The cargoes of three junks were dumped overboard and the junks were sunk. Ten members of two of the junks were taken aboard, Lo's craft.

Lo said that the Japanese then boarded his boat, after dumping his goods overboard, capsize his junk with all its crew aboard. These were thrown into the water swim back and climbed on the upturned boat, but were once more thrown into the sea when the Japanese motor-boat rammed the junk. The Japanese then left.

Lo and four others clung to what was left of their wrecked boat, but the remainder swam to Ki O Island, a distance of about a mile. Later, Lo and those with him swam to Chung Chau Island, Chinese Territory, and were subsequently picked up by the s.s. Kau Tung which tried to trace the other people but failed.

### JUNKS BOARDED

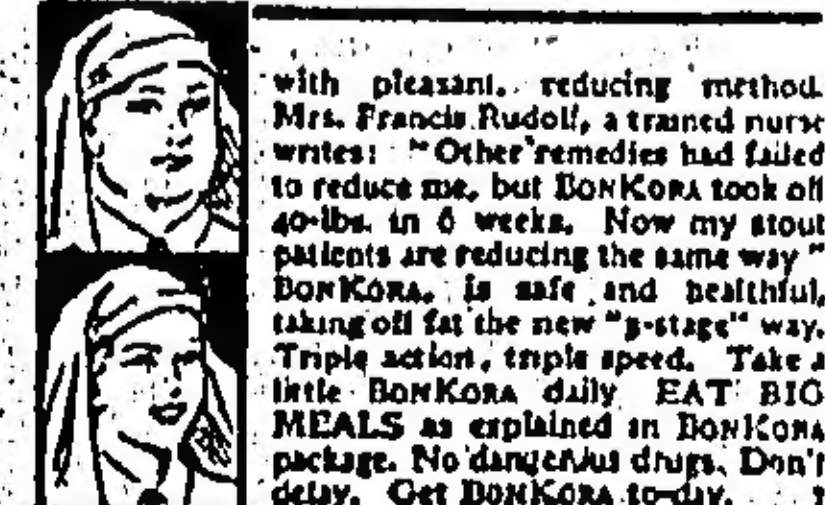
According to a report made by junk masters to the Police on their return to Hongkong on Friday, a Japanese naval trawler, No. 23, seized three Hongkong registered junks in Chinese waters off Man Shan on September 20.

Lui Yip-chun, master of junk T4915H, reported that eight sailors boarded his vessel, seized his junk licence, and dumped four cannon, two muskets and a quantity of gunpowder overboard. The arms lost were valued at \$250.

Ting Shiu-kuwan, master of junk T3470H, reported that he received similar treatment from the Japanese. His arms were worth \$100.

Together with another junk, T4916H, all three junks were towed by the trawler to Tai Shan Island, where, after examination, they were released.

## Nurse loses 40-lbs. of fat in 6 weeks



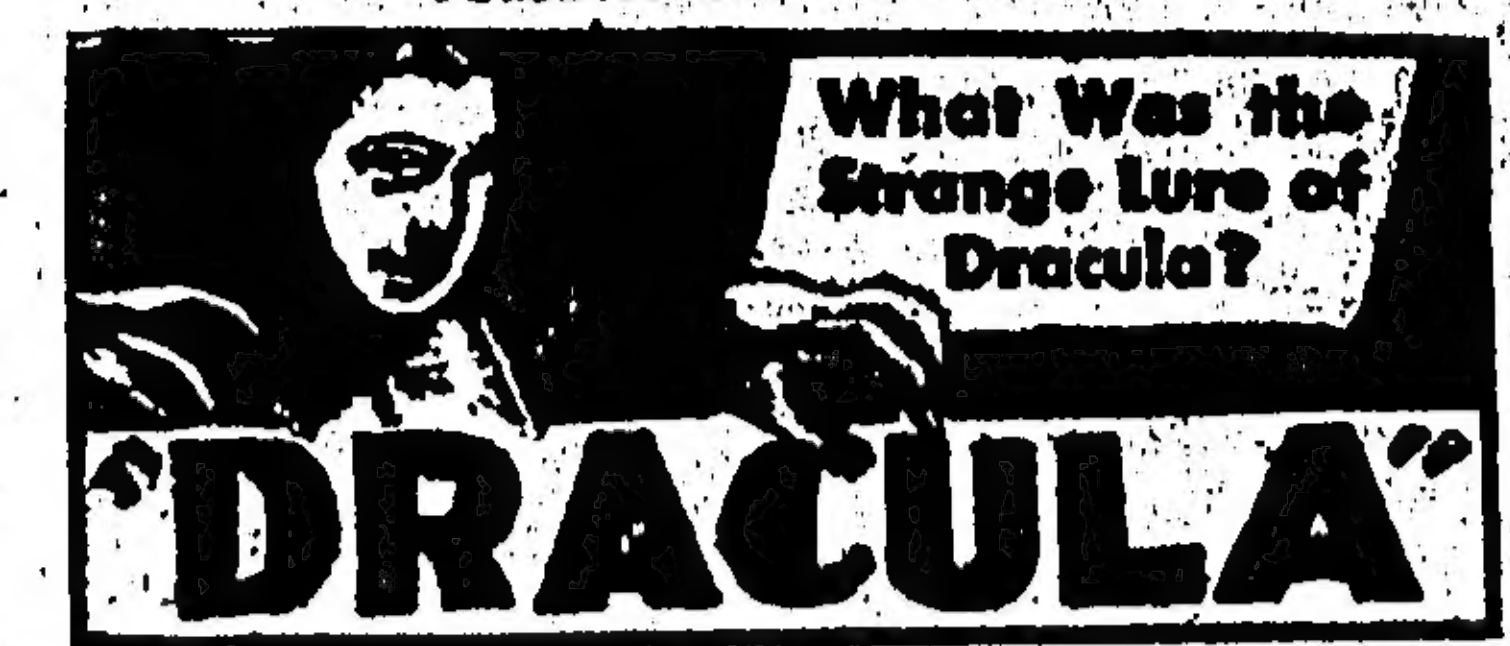
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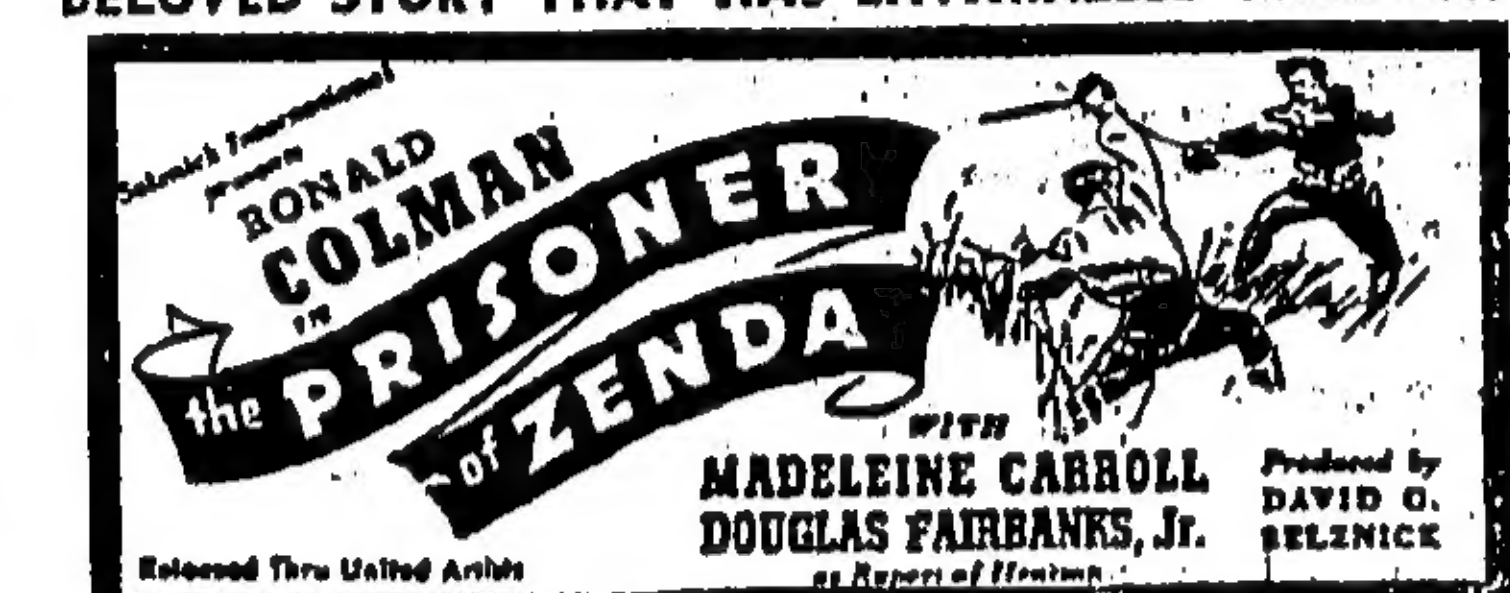
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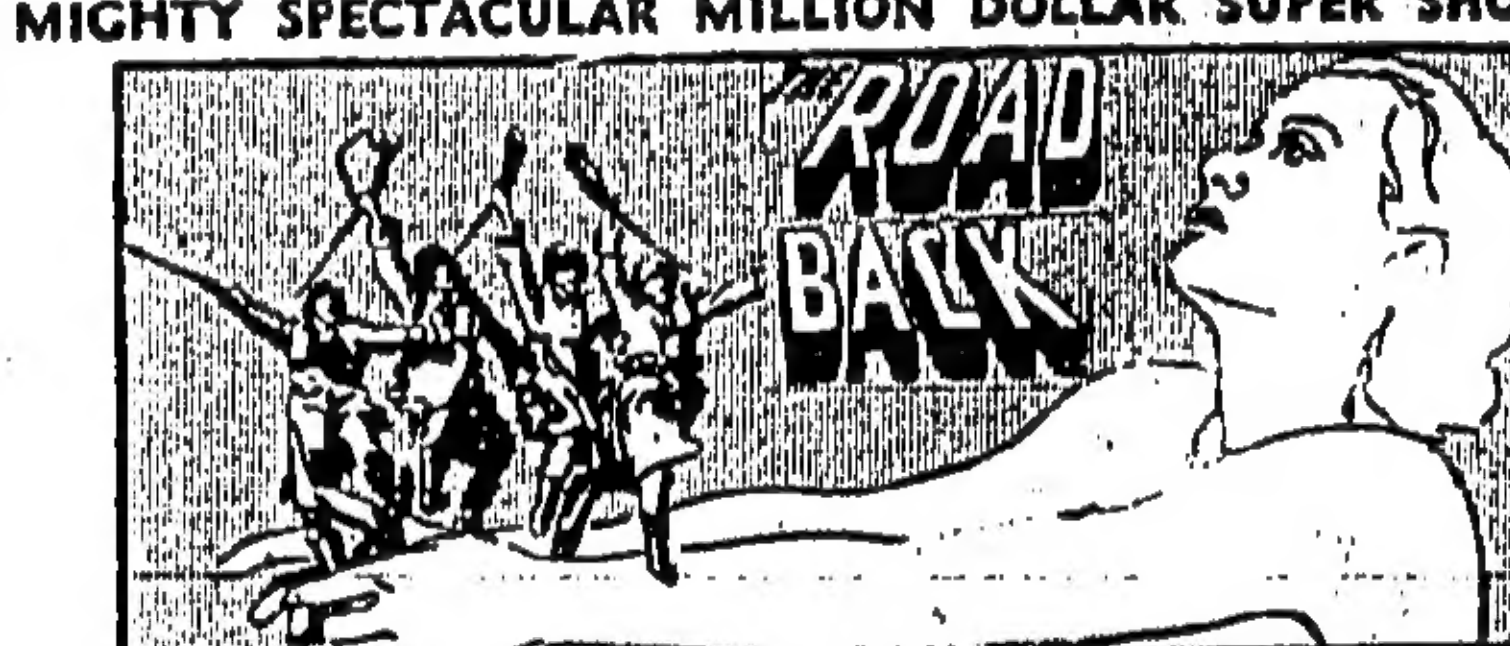
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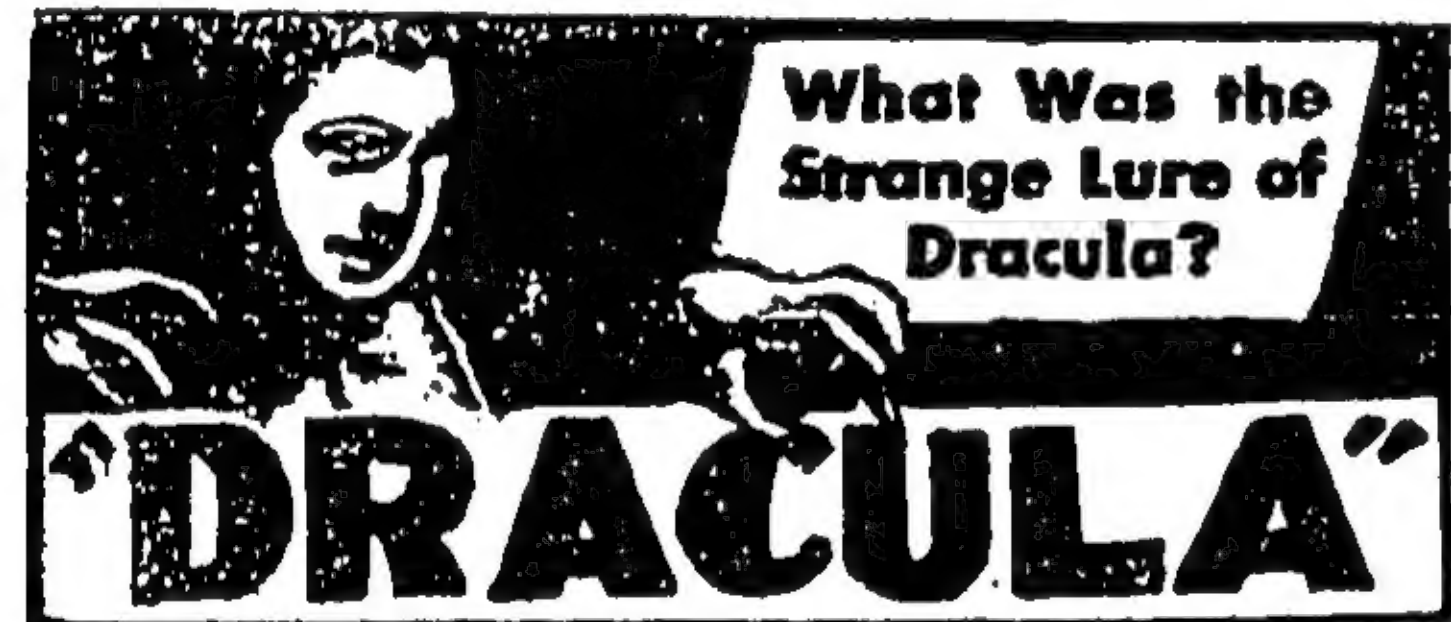
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## BOY DROWNS BECAUSE OF DELAY

# RED TAPE PREVENTED LIFE BOAT LAUNCHING

FOR NEARLY AN HOUR TWO BOYS, AGED FIFTEEN, CLUNG DESPERATELY IN THE SEA TO A CAPSIZED CANOE WHILE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE WHETHER A LIFEBOAT SHOULD GO TO THEIR RESCUE WITHOUT THE ADMIRALTY'S CONSENT.

When help did arrive one of the boys was drowned.

So annoyed are the people of Rhyl at the failure of the local lifeboat to go out that a petition of protest is being sent to Mr. Gwilym Rowlands, M.P. for Flintshire, and the National Lifeboat Institution.

This was revealed at the inquest at Rhyl on William Edward Hughes, fifteen, shop assistant, of Westfield-road, Rhyl. The verdict was Accidental death.

## 'I SHALL STARTLE COUNTRY'

—Leopold Harris

LEOPOLD HARRIS, convicted of fire raising seven years ago and sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude, has been released from Camp Hill Prison, Isle of Wight.

He ordered a taxi to take him to Cowes and paid for it with money he had earned in prison. Harris took the ferry steamer to Southampton, where his wife, two sons and his four-year-old daughter were waiting to meet him.

In his excitement to get down the gangway, Harris stumbled, and the younger son Henry ran forward and they put their arms round each other.

They hastened, half-running, over the promenade to a big black sedan car in which the rest of the family waited.

Harris hugged and kissed his wife and his daughter.

They drove to a hotel, had a meal in a private room, and then the elder son Lewis drove them to London.

They were stopped at a road barrier by soldiers with fixed bayonets. Harris had been given an identity card in prison and they were quickly waved on.

At their home in Donnington-road, Hursley, N.W., Lewis Harris said: "My father is in good health, and he expects to return soon to business in the City. He is not so black as he is painted. He took a rap for others."

### Clear Conscience

Later Harris himself said: "I shall soon have some startling and sensational news concerning my conviction disclosures which will more or less startle the country. I hope to make these disclosures in the very near future."

"Then I shall return to the City, and I shall be able to face my business associates with a very clear conscience after I have told the full facts."

"I was in Camp Hill for only a fortnight. But my short stay did me a bit of good. At Maidstone Prison conditions were not as favourable as one would expect. I owe everything to my wife and children. They have stood loyally behind me."

Leopold Harris served half his full sentence. He earned remission for good conduct, and a further five years was taken off because he helped the police trace others concerned in the fire insurance frauds.

The other boy, Ronald William Robinson, fifteen, of Marine-drive, Rhyl, stated that on July 15 he went out with Hughes in Hughes's home-made canoe.

They found they were drifting out to sea. They tried to turn the canoe and it overturned, throwing them into the water.

"We clung to the canoe for an hour," said Robinson. "Suddenly it sank and Hughes let go. I tried to save him, but didn't see him again."

A few minutes later I was picked up by a motor-boat which was just too late to save Hughes."

Walter Henry Bolton, a Rhyl coast-guard, said Rhyl police informed him that the boys were in difficulties.

On looking through his telescope, he decided they were merely bathing, although he saw them clinging to the canoe.

He kept them under observation for five minutes, decided they were really in difficulties and telephoned Mr. Ernest Jones, secretary of the Rhyl Lifeboat Association, who said it was not possible for the boat to go as he could not get the crew together at that time of day.

Later Mr. Jones suggested that a motor-boat should be sent out, and this was done. Hughes's body was not found till next day.

Constable Cecil Williams, of Rhyl, said he telephoned Bolton twice asking that the lifeboat should go out.

Eventually, Bolton agreed to order the boat out, but at 9.20 p.m. Bolton telephoned back that he had cancelled the order for the lifeboat as he had decided the boys were really not in difficulties.

### Coroner's Criticism

Constable Williams said he hurried to the lifeboat house and found the lifeboat ready to go out.

The boat never went out. The engineer told him he could not go till the coxswain instructed him to do so. Inspector Charles Millington said the secretary told him that the boat could not go without the Admiralty's consent.

Ernest Jones, of Bolton-street, Rhyl, secretary of Rhyl Lifeboat Association, said: "In the ordinary way I would have ordered the lifeboat to be launched. I didn't do so because the lifeboat is now under the Admiralty's supervision."

"It is forbidden to fire maroons to summon the crew, so it would have taken about an hour to get them together."

The coroner, Mr. H. Llewellyn Jones: If there was a boat sinking, it would have a fine chance of being saved by your boat.

Jones: Whether the boat goes out rests with me. I adapt myself to the conditions.

The coroner: Yes, in about an hour.

Jones: I dare not launch the boat without asking the Admiralty.

## I Saw Nazis Dive-Bomb On Lightship

Special Correspondent

Not until now have I seen anything in this war to rouse me to fury and hate. But today I have just seen six Stukas dive-bomb and sink a helpless, anchored lightship.

Two of the crew were killed. All of the others, although rescued, were injured.

As an air battle raged, I was on a cliff overlooking the Channel. A sailor nearby let out a cry of rage. "Look at the sea-and-see," they're going to bomb the lightship!"

### Hurricanes There

Three Junkers 87 dive-bombers were dropping almost vertically from a cloud-bank. Tiny blobs fell from them as they pulled out of the steep dive and turned for home, but the bombs fell incredibly wide.

The little lightship rocked in the lashed-up sea, but she was undamaged. We heard a sigh of relief and cheered as nine patrolling Hurricanes put their noses down and screeched after the bombers.

But as they did so three more Stukas dropped from the clouds and released their heavy bombs, this time close enough to damage the lightship and leave her down by the stern.

### Bomber Paid

The Hurricanes did not keep us long in suspense. Dense smoke poured from one of the Nazi planes after the first burst. It turned and twisted, flared out, and then plunged into the sea.

A few minutes after the crew was rescued the lightship rolled on one side and bubbled down to the bottom of the sea, leaving a circle of white foam behind her.

## AMERICAN VESSELS

### Destroyers Arrive In Britain

At a British Port, Sept. 28.

The first flotilla of ex-American destroyers arrived here to-day—identified only by numbers. They entered the harbour still wearing their American battleship grey colour.

Even their rusty funnels and ugly superstructure, which are so foreign to British destroyers, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the scores of civilians who gathered immediately and called the destroyers the "American unit of the British fleet."

The destroyers on entering the harbour swung around sharply flying the white ensign. There was a stand-by warning flying on shore meaning that German planes were near by, but a Spitfire droned overhead on guard.

As the destroyers rounded the harbour entrance, they left a huge swathe of wakes. A young sentry with a rosy face momentarily forgot his military bearing and let his rifle fall at an angle of about 90 degrees and said, "Blimey, sir, that looks good to me."—United Press.

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## Guns And Bombs Destroy Hitler's Dream

### Anti-American Incident In Hanoi

## JAPANESE TEAR DOWN FLAG

### Newsman's Tour of Front

HANOI, Sept. 29 (UP).—Japanese troops to-day tore down the American flag and occupied the warehouse belonging to the American Far Eastern Trading Company which shipped American goods to Chungking prior to the closure of the Indo-China frontier.

## BRITAIN ISSUES ULTIMATUM

### Tells Madagascar To Renounce Vichy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
VICHY, Sept. 29 (UP).—Britain has issued an ultimatum to the French authorities at Madagascar demanding that they cease to obey the Vichy Government's orders, according to official reports here.

The British threaten to isolate the island by cutting off all communication with the rest of the world until the local Administration agrees to collaborate with Britain.

The Ministry of the Colonies official communique to-day announced that Governor-General Leon Cayla of Madagascar has informed the Vichy Government of the British ultimatum.

### "Monstrous Ultimatum"

"I greet the monstrous ultimatum with the most profound disdain," he asserted.

Madagascar, when Britain announced her intention of extending the blockade to all French colonies and coasts in July, retaliated by creating a twenty miles territorial zone around the island in which they banned British and all other foreign merchant shipping and warships.

The Admiral commanding the British forces in the Indian Ocean protested at this and Madagascar refused the matter to Vichy where, on August 2, Marshal Petain's government decided to waive the application of the 20-miles zone to British merchant shipping but continued the ban against warships. The zone technically still exists.

## REOPENING OF THE BURMA RD.

### Certain Says Chungking Newspaper

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CHUNGKING, Sept. 29 (UP).—The reopening of the Burma Road is a certainty, according to the "Ta Kung Pao," which quotes authorized sources.

These sources declared that British diplomats had revealed that October 17 has been stipulated as the date for expiration of the closure of the road.

The "Ta Kung Pao," leading the demands for reopening of the road says: "Now that Japan has concluded the pact with the Axis Powers, Japan has become Britain's enemy, and is not entitled to any assistance from Britain."

"Should Britain continue to aid the enemy against friendly China, Britain will take a most dishonourable place in the history of justice, as well as in the realm of international politics."

"Britain should reopen the Burma Road immediately."

## CIANO FOR ROME

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, ended his two-day visit to Berlin to-day and has left for Rome.

Another traveller from Berlin, Senator Serrano Suñer, the Spanish Minister of the Interior, who is bound for Rome, will be calling at Munich en route.

### Special to the "Telegraph"

## BRITISH LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY AND BOMBING PLANES HAVE RENDERED ALL OF HITLER'S INVASION BASES ON THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, ESPECIALLY CALAIS, VIRTUALLY USELESS.

This statement was issued at Vichy yesterday, says "United Press", quoting reports from Northern France.

Docks have been destroyed, channels blasted and shipping sunk.

The damage at Calais is reported to be terrific.

British guns throughout the week-end hammered the German gun emplacements with terrifying force, firing two salvos every two minutes.

It was officially announced yesterday that R.A.F. bombers carried out intensive raids along the entire Channel coast, bombing Le Havre, Fecamp, Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk.

German gun emplacements at Cap Gris Nez were also successfully attacked, while further raids were effected against the big shipping base at Lorient.

"Two of our aircraft are missing from these operations," says the announcement.

### Bases Hammered

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Sept. 29 (UP).—While the Nazis were vainly endeavouring to batter their way through to central London, the Royal Air Force, in the face of heavy rain and a storm in the Straits of Dover, hammered away at German invasion bases.

Bomb flashes dotted many miles of the French coastline and were particularly heavy at Boulogne.

"German preparations have been going on too consistently to be merely an attempt to divert a proportion of our bombing force from more important targets," it was said.

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## Yesterday's Bombing Of England

# Enemy Brought Down By Balloon Barrage

### —Little Damage

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—Three enemy aircraft, all bombers, have been destroyed over this country since midnight, states an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique.

One bomber brought down during the night fouled a balloon cable and crashed into the sea off the south coast.

A second enemy bomber was shot down in the Thames Valley by our fighters this morning.

Later another enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the south-east coast by anti-aircraft guns.

Enemy activities in the morning consisted of a few attacks by single aircraft. Some bombs were dropped at points on the Thames Estuary, at two towns and a village on the south coast and a village in the Home Counties.

Little damage was done by any of these attacks and there was a very small number of casualties.

### Tremendous A.A. Fire

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The most tremendous barrage yet put up by the guns defending London was at loose on two raiders who flew directly over Central London to-night.

Hundreds of shells ripped into the moonless sky and guns boomed constantly for ten minutes, merging into a crescendo of sound that has not been equalled at any time during the last month.

### War's Heaviest Barrage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Sept. 29 (UP).—Londoners hear the most intense anti-aircraft barrage of the whole war to-night as German raiders attempted to penetrate the central London area and hundreds of shells of all calibres ripped the sky.

For the second night in succession London heard few planes and intense bomb activity, indicating that the blitz activity was again being concentrated over the outer suburbs.

## SHANGHAI STRIKES

### —Pullers Gain

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (Reuter).—The week-long bus, tram and trolley strike in the International Settlement ended yesterday but the French Concession transit strike continues.

Companies have granted workers increased pay and high cost of living allowances.

Thousands of workers jammed the bus and tram stations as service was resumed, ending the week's transit monopoly held by rickshaw coolies who demanded exorbitant fares during the strike.

## U-Boat Marauder In Mid-Atlantic

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ST. JOHNS, New Foundland, Sept. 29 (UP).—Eighty-seven survivors, landed here to-day by a rescue ship, declared that a submarine torpedoed the steamer Benvenutus and sank it in mid-Atlantic a week ago.

The survivors believed that it was the same U-boat which sank the City of Benares, with a loss of 230 lives early in September.

## MAY PARTITION SWITZERLAND

### Axix Plan Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MOSCOW, Sept. 29 (UP).—According to Tass, the semi-official Soviet news agency, unconfirmed reports from Bucharest state that the partition of Switzerland by Germany, Italy and France is being discussed.

The organisation of a new Balkan bloc to include Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Italy is also being discussed, says the report.

## R.A.F. Reach Targets Despite Bad Weather

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. carried out two successive raids on Berlin on Saturday night, the first lasting three hours, according to reports from Berlin.

Hitherto there have been no reports regarding the damage done.

In London it is stated that British raiders, detailed for Berlin despite the handicap of unfavourable weather, completed their 600-mile flight to the German capital.

They arrived over the city on schedule about midnight, located their targets and bombed the west power station and main transformer and also the switching station at Friedrichshagen.

High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped and bursts were seen close to the targets.

Successful attacks were also made on railway junctions at Saint Adal, some 65 miles due west of Berlin.

Other night raiders concentrated on rail communications and scored direct hits on a junction at Hamburg, bombed the main line station at Hanover and started fires in a wood bordering the railway line near Ommen.

At Cologne explosions, which continued for ten minutes, were seen to break out in the target area.

Our aircraft were over Le Havre for fully two hours and besides damage to the docks, two direct hits are believed to have been scored on merchant vessels in Hamburg.

### Communique

An Air Ministry communique states: "Weather conditions over north Germany were unfavourable but numbers of our aircraft reached their objectives."

In Berlin and district, electric power was cut off.

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## Japanese Army Officer Shot Dead By Chinese

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (UP).—The Japanese army officer who was shot yesterday died in last night.

The Japanese Army are preparing a statement.

According to "Domei," the assassin was Major Yoside Isobe, who was attacked by two Chinese posing as stall-keepers on the road.

Two bullets penetrated Major Isobe's chest. The assailants are still at large.

## No Bases For Japan Against America

### Vichy Promise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Sept. 29 (UP).—It is understood that the French Government has assured the United States that Japan will not be permitted to use Indo-China as a base of operations against the United States, the Philippines or the Netherlands East Indies.

The French Government has officially declared that its policy in the Far East is always subject to modification, if necessary, particularly should the United States enter the war.

In such an event France would remain neutral and the Hanoi pact would not align the French against the Americans, or give Japan any bases for use against the United States.

## LATEST

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An informal picture of the Duke of Kent with his son and daughter chatting with wounded Canadian soldiers at their new hospital in England. Princess Alexandra has a coy smile for the photographer.

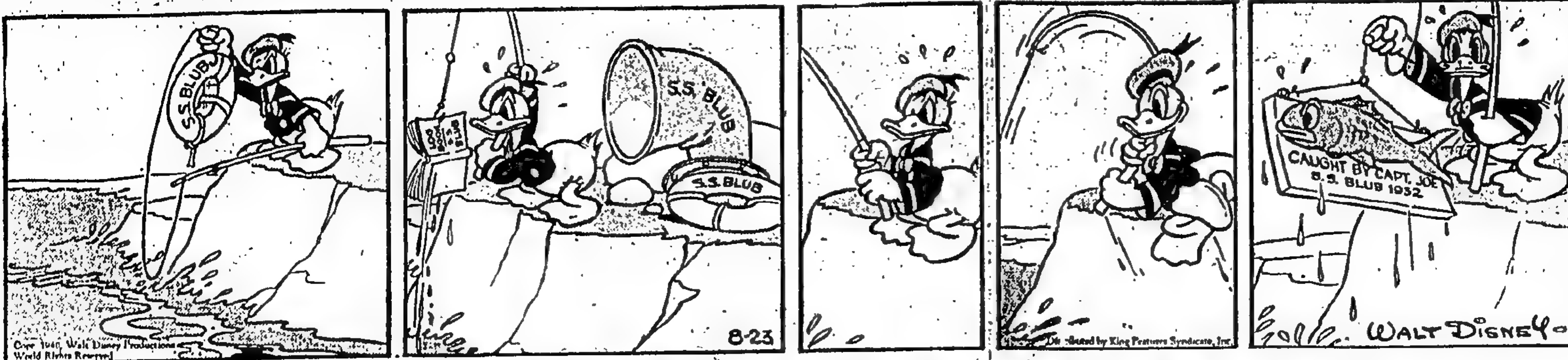






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# MAGAZINE PAGE

## ONE YEAR OF WAR

EDWARD BEATTIE, United Press Staff Correspondent, sums up on this page the position of Britain at the end of the first year of war.

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attack on Britain around the world.

Germany bore the entire burden of attack, but Italy and possibly Japan and Spain, were prepared to profit by Britain's concentration in the defence of her own long island sea coast.

At the end of the first year, Nazi troops hold the entire coast of Europe from North Cape to the heel of Biscay, with friendly Spain beyond. It took Hitler just under ten months to seize it. Philip of Spain, and later Napoleon, needed years of campaigning and diplomacy before they were in position for thrusts which failed.

In the two months since the collapse of France, big guns have been brought into position. Some of them can shoot into England. New air bases give the German air force fighter protection for its thousands of bombing planes. Men and weapons have been assembled and boats concentrated in the lowland rivers, all for the frontal assault on England which Hitler swore to the Reichstag would come.

In the Mediterranean and Africa, Italy can strike at the wheat of Egypt or the barren oil fields back of Palestine. In Spain, the campaign for an attack on Gibraltar has reopened. In the Far East, Japan could move on Hongkong or Singapore, or the French and Dutch colonies, none of which now could expect much help from home.

British garrisons along the line of empire are prepared for attacks which may come in overwhelming numbers. At home, Britain is better prepared for defence than she ever has been in a history studied with war.

The story of the one year which put Hitler on the channel coast and the flanking wings of his army in Brittany and the Norwegian fjord, is one of quick deadly efficiency of modern armies, matched against semi-preparedness or outmoded theories of war.

The invasion of Poland set the general keynote for the year. When the German armies struck from three sides on Sept. 1, 1939, they caught the best of the Polish armies too far forward to defend, and the bulk of the army too far from full mobilisation.

Poland, like every small or new country in Europe, could not afford the masses of guns and planes needed in modern war to take on a major opponent. The German air force in its first test reduced transport and communications to a shambles, making further mobilisation next to impossible and producing such chaos that within a few days of the start the Polish army was a series of independent forces, fighting with no idea of general plan.

Great German pincer movements enveloped whole army corps, then armoured spearheads let by 500 tanks which later proved decisive in France, played havoc with the Polish supply organisation and reserves. The Polish air force was virtually annihilated after three or four days. Bomber weather hardened the Polish mud, which might have begged down the advance.

By September 10, it was obvious that resistance beyond a couple of months was impossible. September 17 Russia moved into eastern Poland, and the situation was hopeless. Warsaw held out under a blistering barrage until September 27; the army scraped together in the far south by General Sosnkowski lasted even longer; scattered resistance in the woods continued for weeks. But the decision had been forced in the first week of the campaign.

The western front was static, as

The first year of the Second World War was a complete war in itself, a series of smashing blows which put the Axis powers into position for the heavier weapons. There were no landing fields for British fighters in Norway, and their bases in England were too far away. At Andalsnes and Lomdalen planes were decisive.

The drive which began May 10 with the invasion of Holland and Belgium and ended 38 days later when France sued for peace was in its essence the classic Schlieffen plan with variations dictated by modern weapons and by the fortunes of a campaign which must have developed faster than even Hitler dreamt.

It was carried out in perfect co-ordination of air force, army and an airborne troops, aided by the start by a fifth column which probably was Hitler's secret weapon. Holland and Belgium had only a fraction of the necessary weapons to meet the first three threats, and nothing but improvised precautions to throw against the third. The British and French armies which marched north to meet the Germans were in slightly better case.

The rear-guard action to Dunkirk, one of the most brilliant retreats in history, the 10 to one forlorn hope battles of the gallant RAF, and the effort of the British and French navies in the channel saved 335,000 men from the Dunkirk beaches, 224,318 of them British.

The drive turned on Paris way June 5 with the attack on the improvised Somme-Aisne line. It was the same story. There was nothing on hand to stop the armoured divisions, with their 500 tanks ranging from fast light vehicles to monsters of a reported 70 to 80 tons mounting 300-yard flame throwers and heavy guns.

On June 17, Marshal Petain asked for an armistice, despite

German bombers and fighters slashed at the allied bases without opposition on save from inadequate anti-aircraft machineguns and a few

normal numbers of lighter warships and screened where necessary by planes, seemed on the basis of the first year as effective as ever.

The moves in the naval war could not be traced like those on land. For the most part it was a silent duel between submarine and machinery of economic blockade and the anti-submarine patrol went into effect smoothly and without fanfare. Only occasionally did the sea war flare briefly.

The opening act came on the first day of general war, September 3, 1939, when the liner Athenia, bound for America with civilian passenger list, was torpedoed. Americans were among the 142 who lost their lives. It looked like the start of unrestricted submarine warfare, but it wasn't.

On September 17 the British aircraft carrier Courageous was torpedoed, with a loss of 515 officers and men, first important casualty the British Navy had suffered since the World War.

Less than a month later, October 14, a German submarine by a brilliant feat of navigation penetrated Scapa Flow and fired a salvo of torpedoes into the battleship Royal Oak, sending her to the bottom with 840 of her crew.

November 18 marked the beginning of the German magnetic mine campaign off the British coast, effective while it was a novelty but largely nullified by a close airplane watch on the mine-layers, and by "de-Gaussing" equipment to neutralise the magnetic attraction of ships.

On December 2 the East Indianman Rawalpindi, converted into an armed auxiliary cruiser, ran afoul

of the pocket battleship Deutschland and a light cruiser in the North Atlantic, and was sunk after a game but hopeless fight. She refused to strike colours.

Twelve days later, Britain got her own back when the light cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, whose total broadside was outweighed by the guns of the pocket battleship Graf Spee, attacked her off the mouth of the River Plate, bit at her for fourteen hours on the old Nelsonian principle of "always attack," and chased her stern-first into Montevideo with shattered fire control, other severe hits, and a casualty list of 36 dead and 60 wounded. The Graf Spee had sunk nine British merchant ships. Three days later she sank herself off Montevideo, rather than risk another fight.

The night of February 17, the destroyer Cossack steamed into Norwegian waters under Admiralty orders, ran the German steamer Altmark aground in Jostedal, and after boarding her and forcing her crew overboard in a hand-to-hand fight, rescued over 300 British prisoners from the ships the Graf Spee had sunk. The Altmark had been in Norwegian waters in the guise of a peaceable merchantman.

April 8, the Navy mined Norwegian territorial waters to close the inshore iron ore loophole from Narvik. The next day, for the only time in the war, the German fleet "got there fastest with the mostest" and succeeded in putting an expeditionary force on land, but at the expense of at least twelve transports and supply ships to British submarines.

April 10, five British destroyers dashed into Narvik, took on six heavier and more modern Germans, sinking

one, setting three on fire and destroying six supply ships in the harbour and a munitions carrier outside. Two British ships were lost. Three days later they were back again, led by the battleship Warspite, and sank seven more German destroyers and some other ships.

There are other highlights—the submarine which put torpedoes into two cruisers off the Elbe, the destroyers which tied up to the quay at Calais and duelled the German field artillery. But the great feat of the navy was the evacuation from Dunkirk, a melancholy job ending a melancholy campaign, but executed with great brilliance against odds which always looked crushing.

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### PRELUDE TO "THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN"

plans from England to remember France's promise. June 22 France signed at Compiègne giving up her

Atlantic coast. The stage was set for the attack on England.

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### SEA

A handful of small, brilliant actions, from the Arctic Ocean to the South Atlantic highlighted the first year of naval war against the dull, routine background of convoy, patrol and the tightening of the sea blockade on Germany.

The Royal Navy ended the year, despite three heavy blows and some minor losses, at almost the same strength it possessed Sept. 3, 1939; with a huge building programme which put new vessels in service weekly and would shortly commission five ships-of-the-line; and with its command of the high seas unimpaired.

The most serious challenge to this superiority had arisen not at sea, but in the forest of Compiègne, where French armistice delegates agreed to neutralise their fleet.

Britain feared it would fall into German hands, to be combined with the German and Italian navies to produce equality in tonnage for an onslaught on England. In two shattering actions, Oran and Dakar, the Navy characteristically settled that problem.

Another challenge came from the air. Although the first year of war did not settle finally the 20-year old controversy on airplane versus battleship, it seemed to hint at the answer. Destroyer, submarines and cruisers, on one side or the other, were sunk by aerial bombs. Battleships sustained direct hits from heavy, armour piercing bombs, and did not sink. Battleships, escorted by

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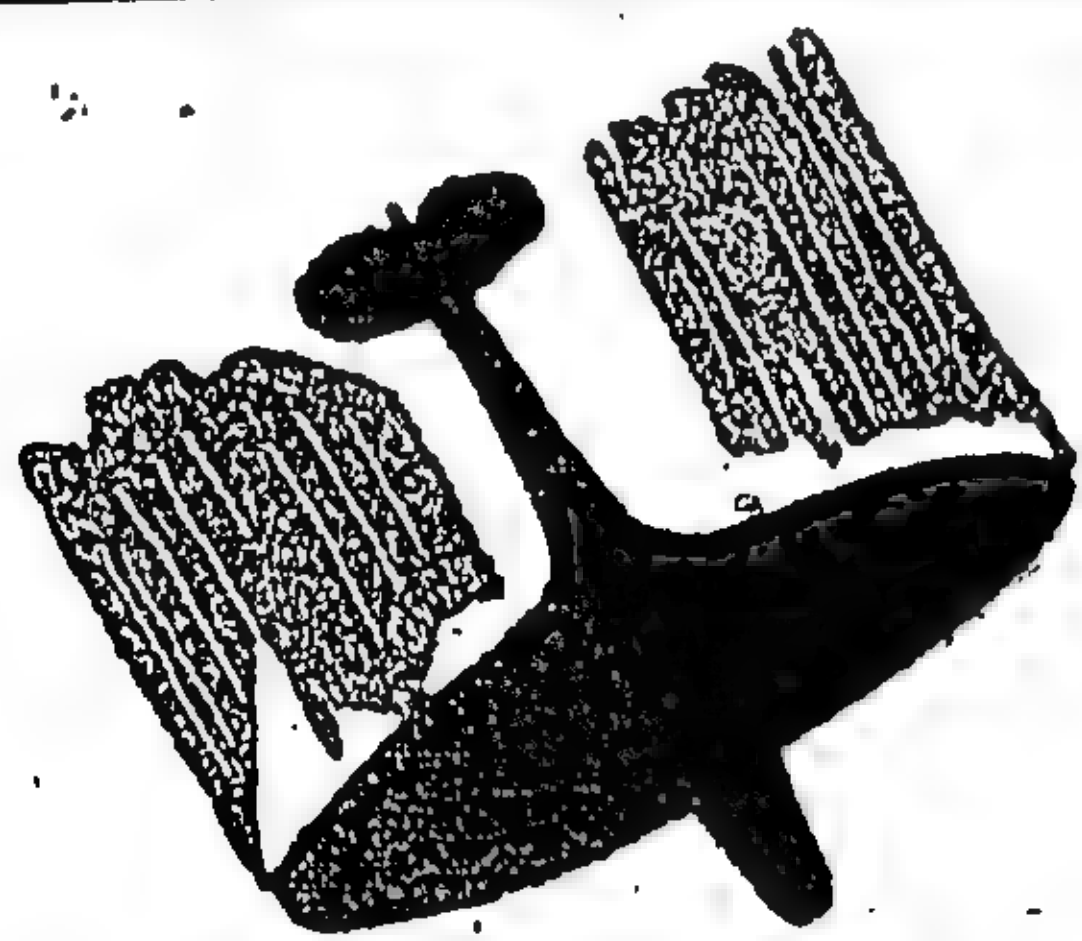
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### TUNNELS FOR SAFETY

It has become an axiom that when officialdom is not indulging in the antics of the proverbial oyster, it is emulating the ostrich, oblivious to the things which make for enterprising progress. In this respect Hongkong probably suffers not very much more, or very much less, than other parts of the world where sacrosanct bureaucracy holds sway. Within recent months we have suffered some disturbing experiences of this oyster-cum-ostrich policy, notably the evacuation of our women and children. In the tackling too, of social problems Government has long displayed an ineptness equalled only by its cynical disregard of constructive suggestions made either through the columns of the press or in documented researches carried out by community-minded residents.

All of which only goes to make more impressive the announcement that Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, our Director of A.R.P., refuses to behave like an oyster when it comes to providing, within limitations which are obviously not his own, shelters for the Colony's population against possible air raids of the future. Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins has been to Chungking for the purpose of studying that city's successful A.R.P. He did not sneer at his instruction; on the contrary, knowing his job well and, recognising that the Chungking authorities have evolved their A.R.P. from bitter experience and not from academic theory, our Director has decided to apply similar principles of protection for Hongkong.

We welcome wholeheartedly his scheme for a tunnel-shelter in Blake Gardens which will be constructed of hollow concrete blocks. Experience elsewhere in the world has proved that this type of shelter is highly effective. But, if the protection of the Colony's populace against raids is to be thorough, we must have many more tunnels of the same type. We still believe the Peak offers an ideal and natural A.R.P. shelter, and that a tunnel, strategically placed, would be capable of saving tens of thousands of lives in the event of air attacks.

There is no lack of initiative and enterprise with our A.R.P. Director, but so far he has had to struggle against suspicious officialdom on the one hand, and an apathetic public on the other; if Hongkong is to be adequately protected against air raids he must be supported to the full by both these sections of the community. The public, not without a certain measure of justification, has felt that hitherto they have received little in return for the ever-increasing expenditure on A.R.P. But if, and when, Government sanctions a full-sized A.R.P. scheme on the lines of the experimental Blake Gardens tunnel, the authorities need have little fear of the Colony protesting about expense. No taxpayer, mind, financing a vital necessity; all he asks for is an adequate return for his money, which, in this case, is safety for his life.



SHOTGUN DIVORCE

# The battle for BRITAIN

Here, reprinted as an  
article, is the full text of a  
speech made by Mr. C. R.  
Attlee, Lord Privy Seal,  
in a broadcast.

LAST Thursday in the House of Commons the Prime Minister, in a moving and eloquent speech, described the action which was taken to prevent the French Fleet passing into the hands of our enemies.

It was a tragic necessity which compelled us, when all persuasion had proved unavailing, to open fire on those who had so lately been our comrades-in-arms.

Every one of those who had to take this grievous decision felt the most intense reluctance, but every one realised where their duty lay, not only to our own people, but to the French also, and to all those who are now under the yoke of the Nazis.

If France is to rise again Britain must not fail. If Europe is to be free Nazism must be defeated. If the one remaining citadel of liberty in Europe is to be preserved, its defenders must not shrink from taking those actions which the situation demands.

There was no doubt or hesitation by any member of the Cabinet on this crucial decision. There was no doubt or hesitation in the response of the House of Commons to the Prime Minister's speech. The spontaneous demonstration of all the Members showed more eloquently than speeches could have done that the nation is united and resolute in the support of the Government in its action.

More than this, it is resolved, as the Prime Minister said, to prosecute the war with the utmost vigour until the righteous purposes for which we have entered upon it have been fulfilled.

I am certain that the House of Commons truly reflected the spirit of the nation at this critical time. We know that the British Commonwealth and Empire is now standing alone and that we in the heart of it shall soon be facing the full onslaught of our enemies.

I believe that we shall meet it with courage and defeat it in whatever form it may come. I was glad the other day to meet men from overseas who are fighting alongside with us in our hour of need.

I am full of confidence in the men of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force.

### They Will Not Fail

Yesterday I was visiting some of our defences in a sector which is held by the men of the regiment in which I served in the last war. I was greatly encouraged by seeing the work which had been done and by the bearing of our men. They will not fail us.

Naturally, my thoughts turned to the last war. I recalled how, when one was about to go into action, one had a certain calm of mind, a dedication to the immediate task, in the waiting time before the hour one's thoughts might turn to the kind of world one hoped to see

after the war, but it was not worth while thinking much of one's own part in it.

To-day it is not the fighting men alone, but the whole nation which is waiting for zero hour.

We are engaged in total warfare against an enemy who will neglect no means of attaining his aim, an enemy who is utterly ruthless in his methods.

He will fix the zero hour to suit himself. I want us all to use the waiting time, be it long or short, to the best possible advantage to our cause.

I stress the point that all of us have to play our part. It is not easy for us in this country, which has been so long immune from invasion, to realise that we are all in it. It has not been easy to fit everybody into the kind of service which they wish, although much has been done, but there are duties which can be performed by all, whatever their occupation.

### His Other Weapon

We have recently witnessed the overthrow of a great nation—France. This was not brought about only by force of arms. It was caused very largely by the use of Hitler's other weapon, the destruction of the unity, confidence and morale of the people, resulting in the paralysis of its will power at the critical time.

This has always been his most effective weapon.

Nation after nation has been overrun because they were beguiled into a refusal to face facts. They refused to understand the nature of the thing against which they were fighting.

Neutral States hoped that they would not be brought into the struggle. A short-sighted idea of self-preservation prevented the essential unity of spirit of the civilised nations of Europe from being translated into action.

That is why we now face the barbarians alone.

But the sapping of the unity of the Western nations had its parallel in the disunity within the various States.

Sectional interests were stimulated in order to destroy the power of resistance.

Skilful use was made of national differences by the Nazi propagandists, but not only of national differences.

The Nazis were able to persuade some well-to-do people that they were the saviours of society against Red revolution.

They now seek without the slightest possibility of success, to persuade the workers that they are the friends of the poor against the ruling classes.

British workers are far too well informed of actual facts of Nazi

rule to be deceived by this. They are well aware that the Nazis seek to impose on the world a new ruling class themselves, more brutal and more oppressive than any of which they have had experience.

### They Are Traitors

Every one of us is a fighter against this Hitler weapon. There is a phrase used a great deal now—"Fifth Columnists." I don't like it. I prefer the old-fashioned word, traitors.

I do not think there are many active traitors in this country. There are a few British who have accepted the Nazi doctrine or the Nazi pay. There are, no doubt, a few foreigners who are pro-Nazi, though the vast majority of those in this country are here just because they have stood up against Nazi oppression.

But there are people in this country who unconsciously play the game of the Fifth Column—the game of the traitors.

Men and women who talk defeatism, who sow distrust and disunity, people who believe that whatever happens they will be all right, and will be allowed to carry on their businesses, people who are disloyal to the principles of freedom and democracy for which we are fighting.

Just as we have organised the Local Defence Volunteers to deal with attacks from parachutists and the like, so every individual in the community ought to see to it that he strengthens the fortress of his soul against the attack on morale, which is Hitler's great weapon.

### Back to Barbarism

There is one particular phase of Nazi propaganda which I must mention. It endeavours to represent Nazism as something new, young and vigorous, standing for the future against the past. It is nothing of the kind. It is a reversion to the past, a reversion to barbarism.

Europe has had to stand such attacks before. The Battle of Britain will take its place in history with the Battle of Chalons, when the Huns were defeated.

In this Battle of Britain we are fighting for our very existence, but we are fighting for something more. It has been the endeavour of the Nazis to exalt and foster the lowest instincts of human nature, cruelty, greed and intolerance.

We are fighting the battle of man's higher nature. We shall not be unworthy of our cause. In the realm of the spirit we do not stand alone.

Everywhere the hearts of all who care for liberty are with us. We are now holding the bridgehead of freedom. When we have defeated this attack the rising forces of freedom in all lands will bring about the downfall of Hitler and the Nazi system.

We know that the fight will be hard and the sacrifices great. When victory is won, it will be the duty of those who have to take up the task of reconstruction to establish a free and peaceful Europe, wherein all may enjoy those things which are the fruits of civilisation.

And what is the result of this? The Nazis are everywhere destroying

## WINDSORS MUST ECONOMISE

By Joan Younger  
United Press Staff  
Correspondent

Nassau, The Bahamas, Sept. 29 (UP).—The question of whether the "personal touch" of the American-born Duchess of Windsor can transform the old government house decorations without exceeding the official budget, has society excitedly wondering.

The Bahamian House of Assembly recently authorised \$5,000 for redecoration and it was understood that the Duchess planned to work with her friend, Lady Mendl, in decorating the 140-year-old mansion.

At present the main living room furniture in the mansion is done in rose—the favourite colour of Queen Mother Mary—and a ten-foot tall picture of the Queen as a youthful bride dominates the spacious dining room. (Queen Mary has often been reported as one of the royal family who opposed the return of the Duchess of Windsor to Britain after her marriage to the former King.) A staff of six servants has been maintained at the mansion, but there was a general belief that more would be added by the new governor.

Fantastic stories have sprung up here regarding treasures which the Duke and Duchess are bringing to the house. These stories have aroused some fear among friends of the couple that a tempest in a teapot would be created in event local society gets the impression that their tastes were too extravagant. More than one governor at Nassau has been seen in the past for a change of residence or increased living credits flatly and hotly rejected by the local legislature.

The outgoing governor, Sir Charles Dundas, after completing the construction of new government houses on fashionable Prospect Heights tried to get the legislature to approve transfer of his official residence there but was refused. Any desire on the part of the Duke and Duchess to move from the present mansion built in 1801 and containing seven bedrooms, six bathrooms and 24 other rooms, including the executive council chambers, private secretary's office and grand ballroom, would probably meet similar objections.

Vivian Drury, one of the Duke's aide-de-camps who spent the winter in Nassau, has acquired two estates for the Duke, Four Winds and Tinsling, at exclusive Cable Beach. It was learned here, whether the Duke and Duchess will choose to live in them, or merely want to house members of their entourage, is a question of importance to Nassau society.

It is clear from comment here that the social impression made in the first weeks of Nassau may affect the tenure of the Duke's stay as governor. Nassau was outspoken against the former King's abdication and marriage but the two newspapers of the island are urging the population to give the couple the greatest co-operation.

The Nassau Daily Tribune in an editorial said:

"We refuse to be hypocritical. We do not agree with the abdication. We do not agree with the marriage of the Duke and Duchess. And we do not hesitate to say that nothing can happen to make us change our view."

"A fact that the Duke must face and this colony must face is that his administration can be only one of two things—a glorious success or a colossal failure."

When the Duke and Duchess stepped ashore from Prince George wharf they were greeted by Chief Justice O. B. Daly in his scarlet robes, the 11 other members of the Executive Council (who will compose his cabinet), a guard of 100 native troops, the crowds in the streets and the leaders of society.

The Duke was inducted into office by taking the oath to be "governor and commander-in-chief in and over the Bahamas, the admiralty and ordinary of the same" and an oath of allegiance to his brother, King George VI.

The Bahamas cover an area of 4,440 square miles, comprising 29 islands; 661 says and over 2,000 reefs stretching from 50 miles off the Florida coast to within sight of Cuba. Nassau papers have stated that if the Duke's mission is a success it is possible that Nassau will become the capital of all British possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

## 'FIGHT TO LAST MAN,' BEACH ARMY IS ORDERED

SHOULD an invading German force come out the morning mist and, cutting through the protective screen of the Navy and R.A.F., succeed in landing in Britain it will face regiments of an army ordered to fight to the last man.

There is no question of our retiring to a second line defence, said a major in a famous Scots unit which saw service in the Battle of France.

For this reason these men have only an academic interest in what goes on beyond the beaches. What the rest of the 2,500,000-strong Army and Home Guard are doing is not their concern. They are there for one purpose—into or die.



# SPAIN INCITED TO JOIN FOUR POWER PACT AXIS WANTS BASES FOR ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, SEPT. 29 (UP).—SPAIN WILL NOT EMBARK ON AN ACTIVE PROGRAMME IF SHE ADHERES TO THE ROME-BERLIN-TOKYO AXIS BECAUSE SHE IS REPORTED TO BE MATERIALLY UNPREPARED TO ENTER AN INTENSIVE WAR, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC ADVICE HERE.

## Believe It Or Not . . .

Special to the "Telegraph"

DOVER, SEPT. 29 (UP).—On Christmas Eve 1914 the first bomb ever to fall in England landed in a garden in Dover and blew a man from a fruit tree on which he was working.

On Saturday a German plane dropped a bomb on exactly the spot and knocked the same fruit tree out of the ground.

## INVASION OF U.K. YET POSSIBLE

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (REUTERS).—A warning that the danger of invasion does not necessarily disappear as autumn and winter approaches was given to-day by naval circles, writes "Reuters" naval correspondent at a British naval base.

The weather on this part of the coast, which will probably have a big influence on Hitler's invasion plans, has been consistently fine for some time but it is now threatening to break up.

Naturally the tendency is to assume that the onset of autumn and winter means that the opportunity for invasion has passed.

### Boats and Barges

Flat-bottomed boats and barges—the main form of transport for an invading force—cannot be used successfully in the unfavourable sea conditions which henceforth may reasonably be expected. But as the Navy knows there are seasonal tides to come and one of these would normally make it possible for such craft as the Germans have assembled to be used.

During the next few weeks, for example, there should occur a "second summer" or a period of temporary calm when an attempt could be made.

If the Germans are hoping that by thus delaying the attempt they are likely to catch Britain somewhat off guard, they will be severely disappointed, for the Navy is determined not to relax for an instant.

The fact that preparations in the French Channel ports are still continuing steadily is regarded as another reason why invasion is still a possibility. These preparations have been proceeding too consistently to be merely an attempt to divert a proportion of our bombing force from more important objectives.

## St. Helena Remembers

Gift For War Planes

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (British Wireless).—Acknowledging £870 from the inhabitants of the island of St. Helena towards the purchase of war-planes for the R.A.F., Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, says: "Over a century ago your island saw the end of a conqueror who challenged the free spirit of Britain and now St. Helena plays its part in making sure that another foe, more ruthless, will be brought to utter destruction."

## Aussies Are Coming

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, SEPT. 29 (UP).—Australian troops now in the Western Desert are "completing their training preparatory to joining the British, Indian and French troops operating against the Italians."

## Seyss - Inquart Make Promise to Hollanders

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE HAGUE, SEPT. 29 (UP).—"It may seem at present as though a great deal is expected of the Dutch people but this is only due to external conditions," declared Herr Seyss-Inquart, Reich Administrator of the occupied territory of Holland when he addressed the newly formed Netherlands Cultural Circle here to-day.

"Virtually the whole territory over which the influence of the German Reich will reach in New Europe will be at the disposal of all Free Dutchmen," he added.

The President of the Circle, whose aim is to insure "Independent Dutch Cultural Life" also gave a speech. "We are not Germans or half-Germans and we don't want to become that," he said. "We think we have been deprived of the right of free independent existence."

## "Machine-gun" At Fire Was—An Asbestos Roof

Asbestos sheets on the roof of a timber shed burst with a sound like machine-gun fire when they became red hot during a fire in Upper Holloway, N.

People thought that there was an air raid in progress and some people took refuge in shelters for a time. The blaze lit up the neighbourhood, and fifty fire engines from all parts of North London were brought into use. A number of houses were evacuated.

During Senor Serrano Suner's long sojourn in Berlin reports were circulated here that Italy and Germany were seeking permission to establish naval and aerial bases in Spanish territory in Europe and Africa for use against Britain.

One wholly unconfirmed rumour asserted that Germany desired to send one or more panzer (mechanised) divisions across Spain for the purpose of attacking Gibraltar and opening the Mediterranean to allow the Italian fleet to operate against the British Empire on the high seas.

### General Suner Ill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MUNICH, SEPT. 29 (UP).—General Suner left his train shortly after arrival at 9 p.m., and it is believed that he is slightly ill. It is understood that he plans to leave on Monday or Tuesday.

### Conduct of War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, SEPT. 29 (UP).—The importance of the conversations between Herr Ribbentrop, Count Ciano and Senor Suner is stressed in the morning Press to-day, led by Signor Virginia Gayda writing in the "Giornale di Italia."

Pointing out that Spain is a bridge between Europe and Africa Signor Gayda suggests that the Spanish claims to Gibraltar would be useful to the Axis for an attack against British possessions in West Africa.

The authoritative papers "Messaggero" and "Pepole di Roma," say that the talks have been very important with regard to the conduct of the war by the axis.

## Offices By Day: Shelters By Night

## Communal Kitchens In Bomb-Blasted London

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (UP).—Sir John Anderson, Minister of Home Security has now authorised local authorities to take over office basements and other private shelters for public use, particularly at night and at week-ends to meet the demands for more adequate accommodation.

Government is still unconvinced of the desirability of building concrete bombproof shelters on a large scale as some quarters are vigorously demanding.

The use of subway station as shelters must be controlled to assure that underground transportation is not interfered with. Notices have been affixed in the subways: "Trains must run to get people to their work. Space at the tube station will be permitted to women, children and the infirm who need it most. Be a man and leave it to them."

### Feeding The Bombed

Feeding in the bombed sections is another aspect of the blitzkrieg which is receiving the urgent attention of the Minister of Food who is negotiating with the London County Council and Municipal authorities for kitchens in any area which is bombed heavily or where there is interruption to the gas and electric supplies which would make impossible individual cooking.

The London boroughs of Wandsworth and Battersea are pioneering the scheme and have decided to establish kitchens in 20 Council schools where hot meals consisting of bread, and meat stew will be served for fourpence each.

It is expected that communal feeding will become a common feature in urban Britain particularly in areas subjected to frequent heavy bombardment.

### COLONY'S DELEGATE

It is notified that the Hon. Mr. Henry Robert Butters has resumed duty as Financial Secretary, with effect from September 20, 1940.

It is learned that Mr. Butters, who was appointed Hongkong's delegate to the Empire Defence conference in India, will not now be going, and that another representative is being appointed. He therefore resumes his local duties.



Another beauty contest winner, or another beautiful film star? It doesn't really matter in America where thousands of young and healthy creatures like this adorn California beaches. All the same, one would like to know the name.

## DEFENDING AMERICA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 29 (UP).—Last night President Roosevelt sent letters to the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox and to the Secretary of War Colonel Henry Stimson, expressing his confidence that private industry will continue to co-operate in the defence programme making it unnecessary to invoke Presidential powers to commandeer recalcitrant plants.

A \$99,641,000 aeroplane contract has been given to the Glenn Martin Company—presumably for bombers.

The War Department has announced it will immediately accept one year voluntary enlistments.

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T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	105
T.T. India	32 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	22 1/2
T.T. Manila	45 1/2
T.T. Batavia	42 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	89 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	97 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/2

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4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	54 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

## MEETING OF Y'S MEN TALK ON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS BY DR. YU

A talk on "The International Conventions of the Y's Men's Clubs at Silver Bay and Honolulu" will be given by Dr. Joseph Yu at the fifth meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

Dr. Yu left Hongkong for America earlier in the year to do some post-graduate work, and while in the States, he represented the Hongkong Club at the above mentioned conventions and gave a number of talks on China to the Clubs in America. Dr. Yu returned to the Colony last week.

## Glostora

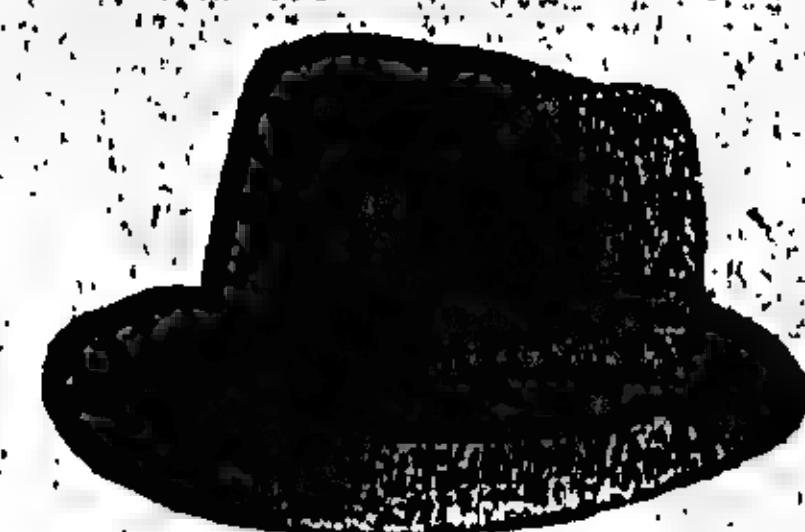


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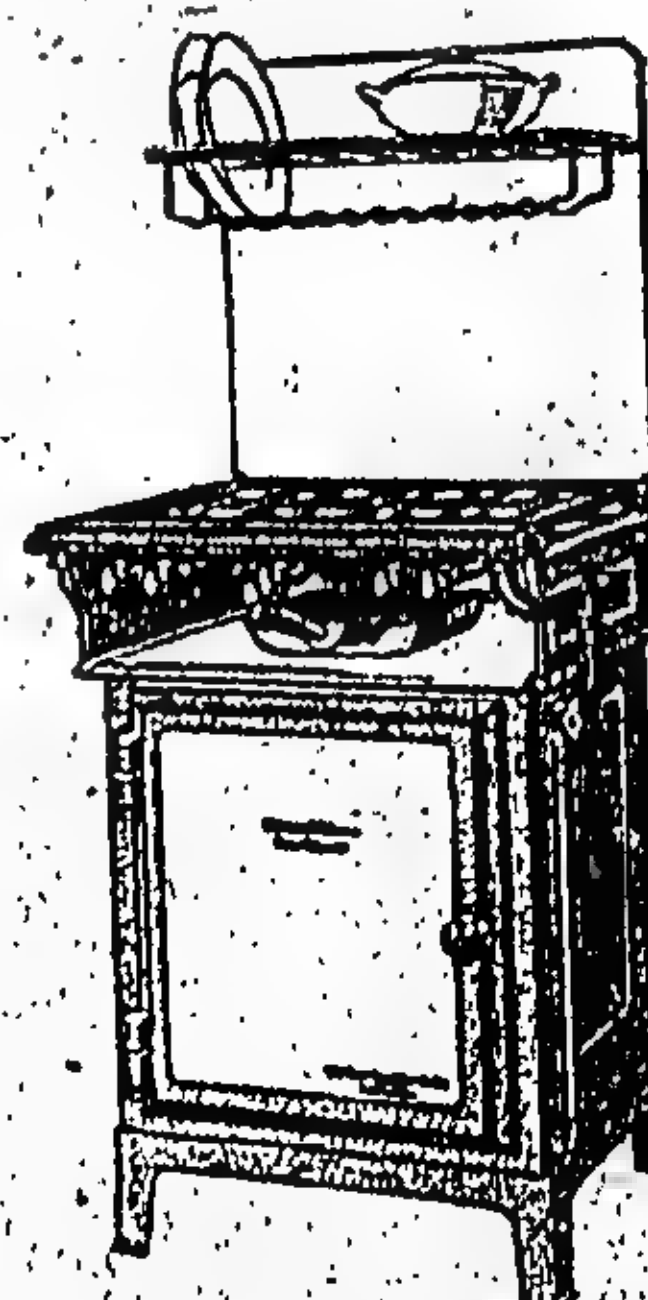
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# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## CHAMPIONS RETAIN PAIRS TITLE Sing Tao Easily Win Opening League Game Versus Kwong Wah

### Alves And Ribeiro Beat Omar Brothers In Thrilling Game

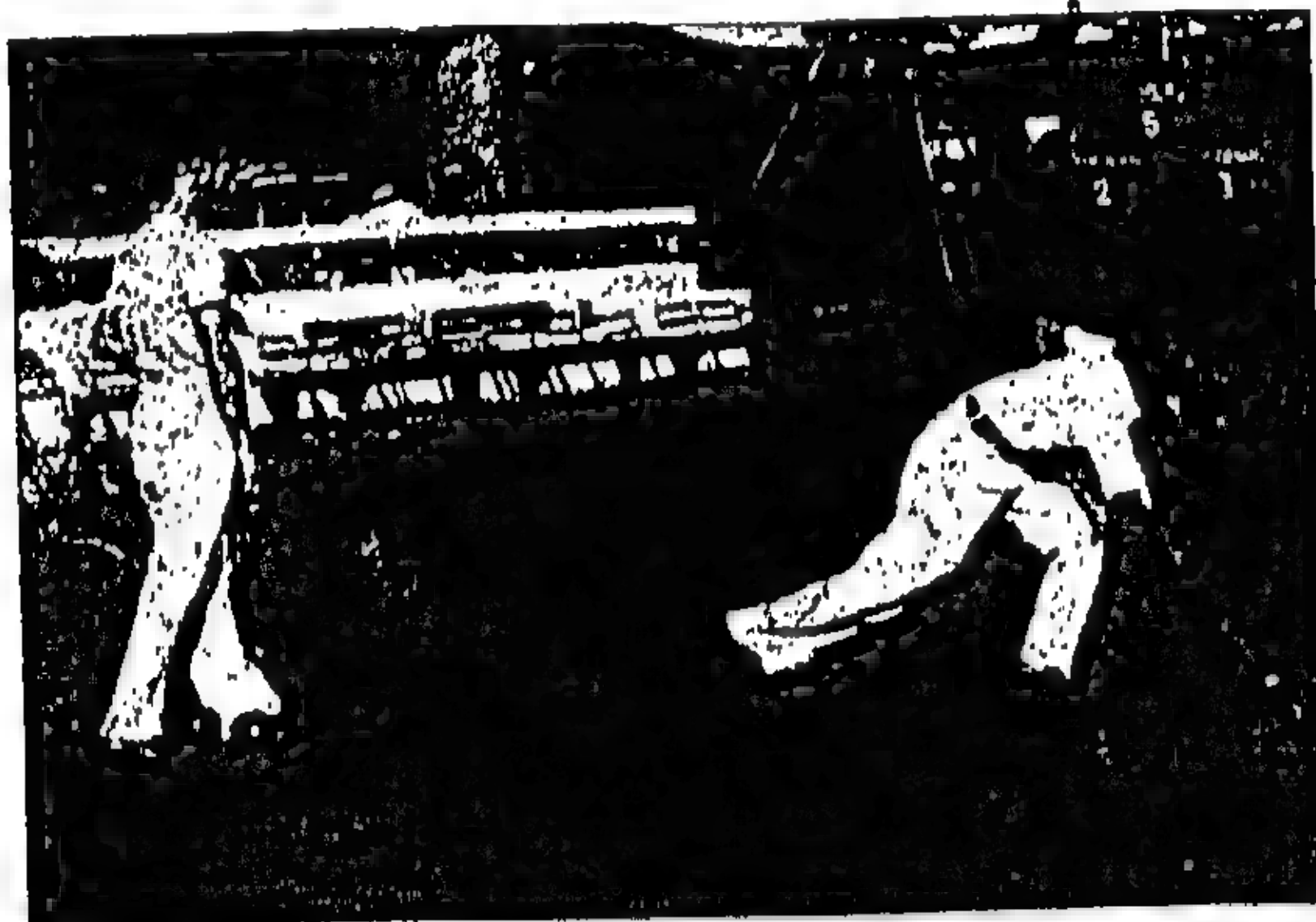
(By "Wick")

ANTICIPATIONS that the Pairs final would be one of the finest lawn bowls matches this year were realised yesterday at the Kowloon Football Club where H. A. Alves and F. V. Ribeiro retained their title 16-14 against A. M. and U. M. Omar.

A. M. Omar rendered a greater assistance to his partner than did Alves to Ribeiro, and for this reason Ribeiro's task was infinitely harder. Brilliant bowling, however, enabled him to cope with the situation and the success of his continual efforts stamped him the best player of the four.

Score By Heads

A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar	H. A. Alves and F. V. Ribeiro
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	1
8	1
9	1
10	1
11	1
12	1
13	1
14	1
15	1
16	1



A. M. Omar sending down a wood. H. A. Alves watching. Another picture of the bowls Pairs final at the K.F.C. yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

### Soccer Referees Meeting To-morrow

THE SECOND MONTHLY meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-morrow at 8 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

The agenda will include arrangements for the annual dinner, arrangements for the annual Press v. Referees football match, and Mr. W. M. Glover, President of the R.N. and R.M. Referees Assn. (H.K.) will address the meeting.

### Postponed League Game

RECREIO B. beat Kowloon in a first division postponed league game. A. F. Pereira, J. A. Remedios, L. F. Xavier, B. Basto beat C. J. Teechi, G. Leo, R. Marks, E. Kern 2-1.

D. Alves, C. H. Basto, O. P. Remedios, D. Basto lost to E. Curtis, A. E. Perry, G. C. Moss, J. Fraser 2-0.

C. Vas, P. M. N. Silva, F. X. Soares, C. Roza-Pereira lost to V. C. Labrum, W. Parsons, T. W. Carr, F. Goodwin 1-2.

### Major Baseball

## CLEVELAND DEFEAT TIGERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (UP).—Cleveland Indians, though ousted from the World Series, took revenge on the Detroit Tigers, the pennant winners, in a close game to-day by 5-2.

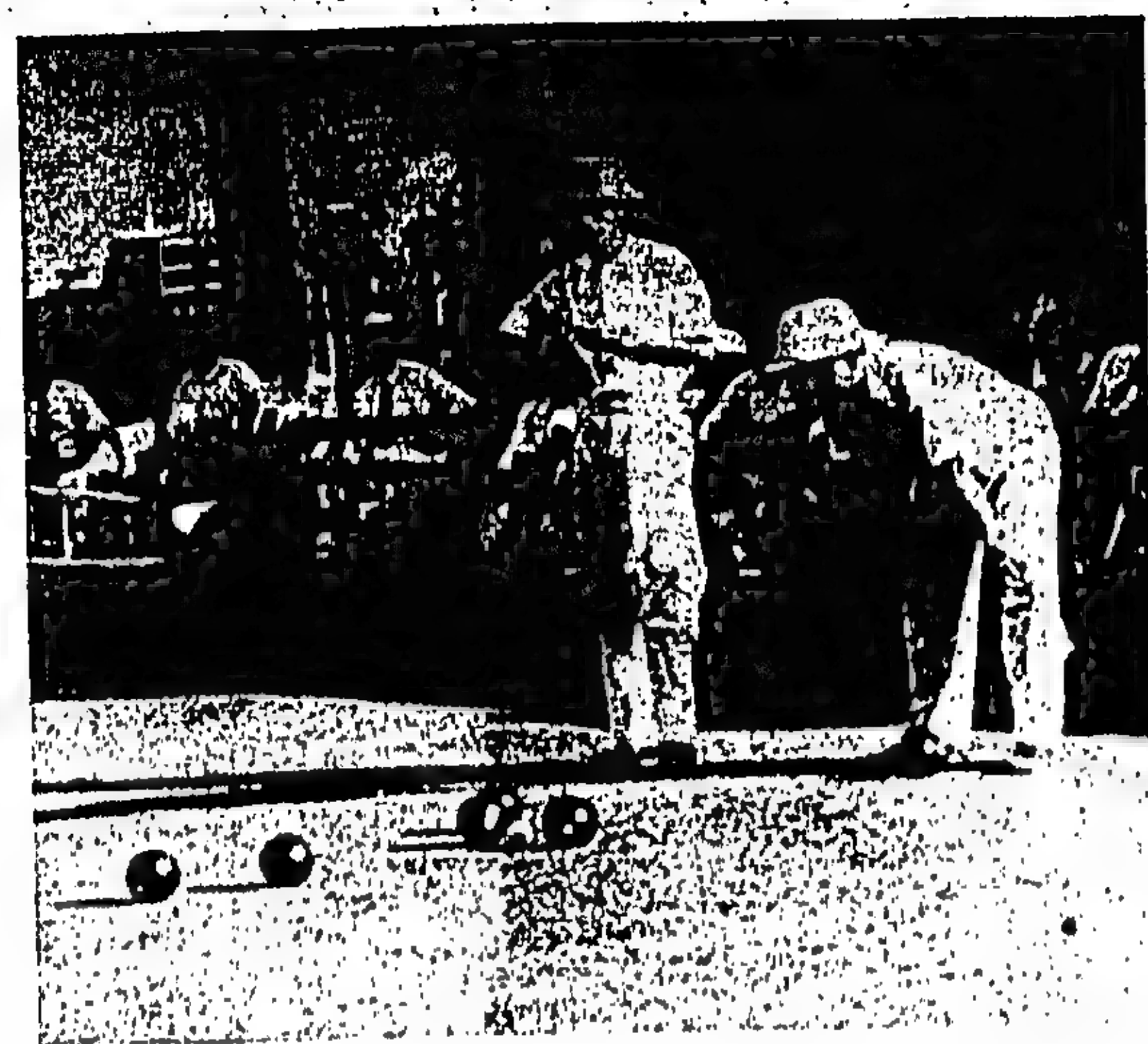
Scores were:

	R	H	E
Detroit	2	10	3
Cleveland	5	8	2
Batteries:	Trout, Newhouse, Hutchinson, Tebbetts, Sullivan.		
Batteries:	Minnar, Pytlak, Deabell.		
Philadelphia	1	3	1
Batteries:	Marchildon, Wagner.		
Boston	4	9	1
Batteries:	Rich, Peacock.		
New York	4	10	2
Batteries:	Bonham, Dickey, Roemer.		
Washington	3	10	0
Batteries:	Leonard, Ferrell.		
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### SKIPS CONSIDER



U. M. Omar and F. V. V. Ribeiro, opposing skips in yesterday's Open Pairs lawn bowls final at the Kowloon F.C., consider the position as their Nos. 1—A. M. Omar and H. A. Alves—send down their woods.—Ming Yuen.

## 100 YARDS FREE-STYLE RECORD BROKEN

### Hutchinson Triumphs: Triple For Chan Chun-nam

DAVID HUTCHINSON took major honours on the final night of the Colony swimming championships, winning the 100 yards free-style in the record time of 56.1/5 seconds to better W. Lawrence's 1935 time by one second. Chan Chun-nam, by winning the half-mile, as expected, recorded his "triple" for the Meet.

These were the highlights of the evening, though in the women's races, Miss C. Guterres and Miss J. Anderson secured the prominence and ovation they deserved—the first-named in winning the women's 440 yards free-style, and the second for her great challenge to Miss V. Churn over the 100 yards.

The most thrilling event was the 200 free-style relay. The V.R.C., the University and Chung Sing took off for the final lap on equal terms, but Ng Nin proved himself over that fifty yards and reached home a foot or two in front of D. H. Taylor. In this race, D. Hutchinson, first for the V.R.C., was timed at 24.4/5 sec. for his 50-yards lap—which is 1/5 sec. inside the Colony record.

His Excellency, the Acting Governor, Lt. Gen. E. F. Norton was present, together with Sir Atholl MacGregor, President of the V.R.C., and Lady MacGregor. The latter presented the prizes at the conclusion.

Results were:

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Men's 100 yards free-style—1. D. Hutchinson (V.R.C.) 56.1/5 (Record); 2. Ng Nin (Chung Sing) 58; 3. D. H. Taylor (V.R.C.) 59.

Women's 100 yards free-style—1. Miss Guterres (V.R.C.) 72.2/5; 2. Miss J. Anderson (V.R.C.) 73.2/5; 3. Miss Ho Wai-ling (C.C.) 73.2/5.

Men's 200 yards free-style—1. D. Hutchinson (V.R.C.) 44.2/5; 2. V. Churn (V.R.C.) 45.2/5; 3. D. Hutchinson (V.R.C.) 45.2/5.

Women's 440 yards free-style—1. Miss C. Guterres (V.R.C.) 6 mins. 57.3/5; 2. Miss V. Churn (Chung Sing) 6 mins. 58.4/5; 3. Miss L. To-ho (South China) 6.45.

V.R.C. EVENTS

Women's 50 yards free-style (B. Class)—1. Miss J. Arrault, 33.5/5; 2. Miss M. C. So, 35.4/5; 3. Miss M. Noronha, 37. Also swim—Miss H. Campos.

Men's 100 yards free-style Junior Championship—1. A. Oserio 00.3/5; 2. C. Silva 00.5/5; 3. J. Gosano 01.

Boys' 100 yards back-stroke aggregate—1. A. Lopes (23) 75.3/5; 2. T. Guterres (20) 1.43.2/5; 3. J. Gomes (17) 79.4/5. Also swim—R. Silva (20).

100 yards free-style (B. Class)—1. J. A. Chan 1.00.2/5; 2. Ed. da Rosa (V.R.C.) 1.01.3/5; 3. Wong King-woon.

Men's 500 yards free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tung) 31 mins. 15.4/5; 2. Charles Huang (V.L.C.) 31 mins. 22; 3. Yau Sei-kwan (Lai Tung) 31 mins. 47.2/5.

Men's 200 yards free-style—1. D. Hutchinson (V.R.C.) 44.2/5; 2. V. Churn (V.R.C.) 45.2/5; 3. D. Hutchinson (V.R.C.) 45.2/5.

Women's 440 yards free-style—1. Miss C. Guterres (V.R.C.) 6 mins. 57.3/5; 2. Miss V. Churn (Chung Sing) 6 mins. 58.4/5; 3. Miss L. To-ho (South China) 6.45.

## Excellent Keeping By Lee Kowk-kee Saves Losers From Even Heavier Defeat

SING TAO made a promising debut in the local football league yesterday when they overwhelmed Kwong Wah 5-0 on the Boundary Street ground. Football was delightful to watch, but it was only the brilliant goal-keeping of Lee Kwok-kee that saved Kwong Wah from an even heavier defeat.

The new team, comprised mainly of players from the successful South China team of last year, displayed their old confidence and dash, and in almost every department were superior to their opponents. Prominent in the Sing Tao forward line was Kwok Ying-ki, who scored three of the five goals, and the most strenuous efforts of the Kwong Wah defenders were not sufficient to curb his spirits.

Sing Tao halves worked with precision and with deadly effect. A. V. Gosano and B. T. Gosano were not over-shadowed by the brilliant opposition, but not even they could penetrate far into the rear lines of the Sing Tao half of the field.

Lee Tin-sang and Hau Yung-sang, Sing Tao backs, were seemingly here, there and everywhere, and also seemed to possess of extraordinary length of reach when it came to heading duels.

WEAKNESS of the Kwong Wah eleven was obviously in the half-back division. Ip Pak-wa and Kwok Ying-kee, especially, were allowed far too much latitude, though on form yesterday it would have required the best to hold those two successfully.

Generally speaking, however, Sing Tao's secret of success yesterday lay in their greater speed. Kwong Wah, on occasions, went through but poor finishing and weak shots at goal were abortive.

Sing Tao scored first through Kwok Ying-ki, followed by Fung Kwan-shing, and then again through Kwok Ying-ki. Second half goals came from Kwok Ying-ki and the last from Lai Shu-wing.

Teams were:

Kwong Wah—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Yuen; Leung Pak-wai; Remedios; Chung Kim-fai; J. F. Pereira; Chung Nal-shing; Lau Fook-sing; Y. C. Gosano; A. V. Gosano; Wong King-chung; Sing Tao—Chau Yung-chai; Lee Tin-sang; Hau Yung-sang; Chui Ah-shi; Leung Yung-tan; Chan Chun-fai; Tang Kwong-sam; Ip Pak-wah; Kwok Ying-ki; Lai Shu-wing; Fung Kwan-shing.

## Eastern Too Good For R. Scots

EASTERN proved too good for the Royal Scots in the second senior Division soccer match yesterday, winning 4-1 in a fast game at Caroline Hill.

The new recruits from Shanghai proved their worth in this fast game, and were it not for the sterling work of Lau Him-hui, in Eastern's goal, the score would have been far greater. The latter greatest effort was one that brought the crowd to their feet. It was a brilliant move of a penalty taken by Hossack in the second half.

Eastern defence was far stronger than the opposition provided by the Scots' forwards. Haz Bon-yung and Y. S. Ven were most successful in dealing with the efforts of Hossack and Co. Up forward, S. C. Lim and Lee Chee-chung, the wing-halves, did great work in conjunction with Shu King-seng, centre-half, while C. S. Hyui and Tiao centre forward and left winger, were a dangerous combination.

THE GAME

EASTERN opened through Hyui, who received from Tiao and went through to score well out to Duncan's reach. Cheung Yang-sung increased this lead, also from a pass from Tiao.

Eastern went into a 3-0 lead soon after the resumption when Hyui went through easily with the opposing defence appealing vainly for off-side.

SCOTS SCORE

FOLLOWING the penalty taken by Hossack and, which was saved brilliantly, Royal Scots scored their only goal through Marshall. But Eastern definitely settled the issue when Yin Ah-shing placed the ball once more out of reach of Duncan.

The teams were:

Eastern—Lau Him-hui; Hsu Bon-yung; Y. S. Ven; S. C. Lim; Hui King-shing; Lee Chee-chung; Cheung Yang-sung; Wing-fok; C. S. Hyui; Yin Ah-shing; Tiao; Hossack; Duncan; Fraser; Neymitch; Walker; Falcen; Farnaby; Guroy; Williams; son; Hossack; Marshall; Woods.

### Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup

## Police Beat Education Dept. 28-16 In Final

THE FINAL of the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup competition, played on the Police Recreation Club green yesterday, resulted in victory for the Police team skipped by J. S. Fender, which defeated the Education Department team, 28-16.

At the conclusion of the match, the Cup and trophies were presented by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor. Sir Atholl was welcomed by Sgt. J. Shepherd, who also congratulated the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue on behalf of the Police on his appointment as Commissioner of Police.

The sinks were as follows:

Police—W. McLeod, J. Perkins, J. Oram and J. S. Fender (skip). Education Dept.—H. Boddow, C. G. Solis, H. G. Wallington and N. Bebbington (skip).

### SPORTS ADVT.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 5th and THURSDAY, 10th October, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27724) will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1940.

## University Cricket Trial

HONGKONG University held a 15-a-side cricket trial at Pokfulam on Saturday when University Hostels beat Missionary Hostels by 13 runs.

The outstanding performance was provided by Amplavanah, a freshman, who captured five wickets for 20 runs in six overs.

Scores were:

University Hostels—116 for 13 wickets (Narayan Singh 31, N. C. Sea Gupta 16 not out, K. S. On 17 not out, Ooi Keesik 8, R. S. Gilt 6).

Missionary Hostels—C. N. Mathew 57, O. Y. Cheung 34, Shoo Koo-kiang 17, Y. Kan 11, Amplavanah 6-20; Ooi 2-20; Chin 2-4.

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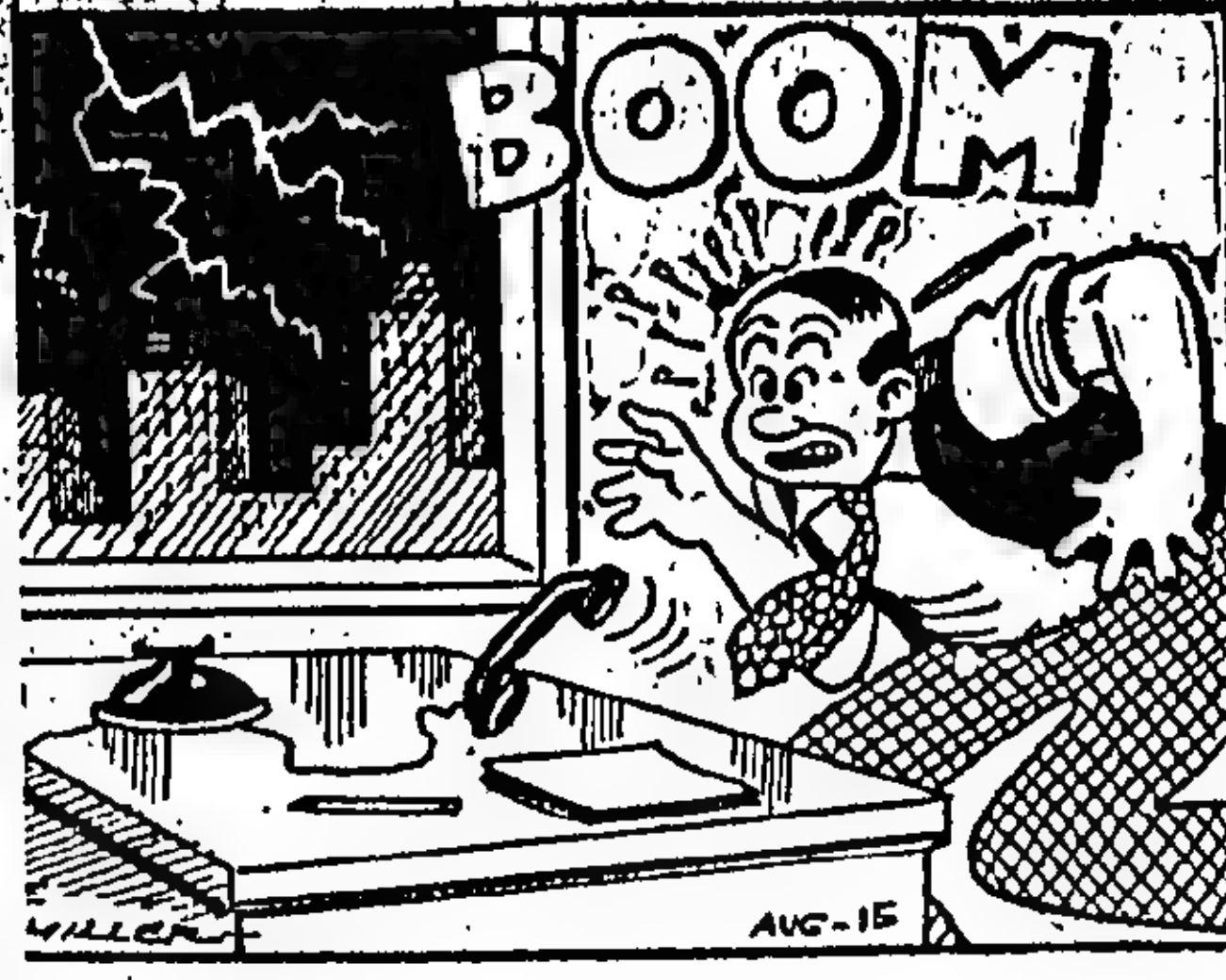
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## Officer Pays £125 Breach of Promise Damages DANCE HOSTESS SUES "FASCINATED" COLONEL WHO MARRIED OTHER GIRL



FRENCH helmets carried by two members of the Hindfield Spears mobile hospital unit on their arrival in London.

FASCINATED by a dance hostess at a West End night club, fifty-four-year-old Lieut.-Colonel Humphrey Pellew Forster Mills asked her out to dine, and at their second meeting asked her to marry him. The girl, daughter of a Chinese-born father and an English mother, eventually said yes.

In the High Court, just ten months later, Colonel Mills was ordered to pay her £125 damages for breach of promise.

The girl is Miss Kathleen Lee, of Ivor-court, Gloucester-place, W. Her counsel, Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., unfolded the month-by-month story of their whirlwind romance and its sudden collapse—in a taxicab for one.

It was last October that they met, through a brother officer of Colonel Mills, said Mr. Levy. Miss Lee was twenty-four and an orphan. Her father was originally Chinese and became a naturalised Briton. He was a tutor at Nanking University. Her mother was English, and Miss Lee was educated at a convent.

In the summer of 1938 she became a dance hostess at the Florida Club, W. and earned about £3 a week. Colonel Mills was over fifty and was clearly attracted by Miss Lee. He asked her to see him again. At their second meeting he asked her to become engaged, and he insisted on putting a ring on her finger "while she was making up her mind."

They met often, he telephoned to her almost every day, and he wrote many letters speaking of his love for her. "We are well and truly engaged," he wrote. "And very nice, too."

Day Was Fixed. It was in December that he introduced her to his fellow-officers, including the general officer commanding. The marriage was arranged for February 3.

He informed her, in another letter, that she was "clean, sweet and faintly" she was lovely and he adored her, and he realized what it would mean to be married to her.

Colonel Mills told her that his income was about £90 a month, and he promised to open a banking account for her with £50, and make her a monthly dress allowance of £15.

"I love you and you are utterly adorable," he wrote. "On February 3 I am going to marry you. Whoopie!"

It was in January that things changed. The colonel, said Mr. Levy, wrote what he called a "difficult" letter to compose.

He called himself a poor man, and suggested that she could never exist on the £250 or £300 a year which was all he could hope for when the war was over.

"I am fifty-five, or nearly so," he went on, "and I cannot deceive myself about my chances of earning. You are young and beautiful; my ways are not yours. Your friends would be sure to find out."

Miss Lee, weeping on counsel, was dashed when she got the letter. She met the colonel later at Charing Cross, and he said he had changed his mind. He put her in a taxicab and saw her off.

To Some One Else. It was in February—on the second—that Colonel Mills got married. Not to Miss Lee, but to some one else. After that paring at the taxicab door they did not meet again until yesterday, in court.

Miss Lee, wearing a navy-blue dress with white collar and cuffs, stepped into the witness-box. She said that they met about six times after becoming engaged, and altogether she received about £75 from the colonel.

At first she admired him. Later she grew to love him, was ready to marry him and settle down as his wife.

Mr. Justice Singleton: What was it you admired about the defendant? Miss Lee: He was an upright and honourable senior officer and gentleman.

Miss Lee left the witness-box, and Colonel Mills, grey-haired, grey-moustached, entered it. A row of medal ribbons drew the eye to the left breast of his tunic.

He said that his first wife died in 1933 and he had two daughters, one twenty-three, the other twenty-one. He admitted that he was fascinated by Miss Lee.

Later he thought she was more

**THESE TOWERS WILL GO**  
THE two great towers of the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham S.E., all that was left of the famous fire in 1936, are to be demolished, so that the iron may be used for war purposes. The trustees have placed a contract for the work to be put in hand immediately. The towers, 284 feet high, were built to carry water tanks which would give sufficient pressure to operate the fountains in the palace and grounds. Visitors who climbed them, either by 400 steps or by the lift, had a magnificent view of London and of as far afield as Epsom Downs and Windsor.

## Betty (aged 15) Helps To Get Two German Airmen

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BETTY BROWN, daughter of a farmer in South-East England, helped to arrest the pilot and gunner of a German plane that had crashed near her home.

"I was in my riding clothes, and was just going to put on my boots for a morning ride," said Betty, a tall, well-built Scots girl, "when suddenly mother shouted: 'There's a German plane down over there.'"

"I rushed out and saw the swastika on its side. I jumped the fence and ran towards it. I felt very foolish, because my slippers kept coming off, but I managed to stumble on somehow."

"Well Behaved." "Then some of our workmen, and our milkman, Reg Randall, started out towards the machine, and I saw the two Germans walking along. They gave themselves up to the men. The pilot had a revolver, but he surrendered it without any fuss. He said they were awfully well-behaved. The pilot, an officer, was tall and good looking, about twenty-five, I should say. He said: 'I am a German, I speak English.' The other was a working-class sort of fellow and said nothing."

Betty's father, Mr. William Brown, a native of Lochaber, said: "I brought them in for a cup of tea and a cigarette. The pilot said he had been brought down twice before, in Poland and France."

"He told us he had friends here. He spoke warmly about our country. He looked out of the window and said, 'Never thought I'd land in old England like this.'"

"He seemed thoroughly at ease as he sat in the easy chair while we waited for an escort. When they came he stood up, saluted smartly and bowed, then said, 'Thank you very much for your cup of tea.'"

"One of our men said to him, 'It's not you we are fighting, but Hitler.' He replied quietly, 'It's not right we fight England, but the Führer made us, and we worship the ground he walks on.'"

Interested in the money he gave her from time to time than in him, and in the end he wrote and broke off the engagement.

Asked if that was the real reason he broke off the engagement, Colonel Mills said, "The real reason was complete incompatibility." He added that his marriage had nothing to do with breaking off the engagement to Miss Lee.

Colonel J. L. Ralston, Minister for Defence, said recruiting was going on in every district of Canada and units of non-permanent active Militia (corresponding to the Territorials) were to be recruited up to full strength and additional units would be formed.

He added that the home defence units would be trained at night and at day-time headquarters so that the men would not be forced to leave their jobs.

"The battle of Britain has started," he declared. "It is also the battle of Canada."

## Evacuees Don't Have To Pay Rent Homes

HOUSEHOLDERS who have been ordered to leave British evacuation areas will not have to pay rent for their locked-up homes.

Nor will they have to pay rates, water, gas, electricity or telephone charges while they are away.

A Government order to this effect has been issued. It also affords relief to business people.

"No one will be able to remain in occupation of any premises or to live or carry on business in an evacuation area simply because he intends, when circumstances permit, to return or to resume the business," says the Order.

"No sum will be recoverable during the evacuation period under any contract for hire or hire-purchase of goods by a person who in the case of goods used solely for the purpose of a business, has ceased to carry on the business in an evacuation area, or in any other case, has ceased to live in the area."

These reliefs do not apply to contracts entered into after the issue of the Order.

A Court has power to modify the reliefs if it is satisfied that a person entitled to possession of unoccupied premises has at any time lived in the area since the beginning of the evacuation period, and

If the person liable has been enjoying a substantial benefit from the premises or goods.

Power is also given to courts to restrain execution of orders for recovery of possession of land against anyone so affected by evacuation that he cannot pay his rent or mortgage interest immediately.

JUNKS BOARDED

According to a report made by Junk masters to the Police on their return to Hongkong on Friday, a Japanese naval trawler, No. 23, seized three Hongkong registered junks in Chinese waters off Man Shan on September 20.

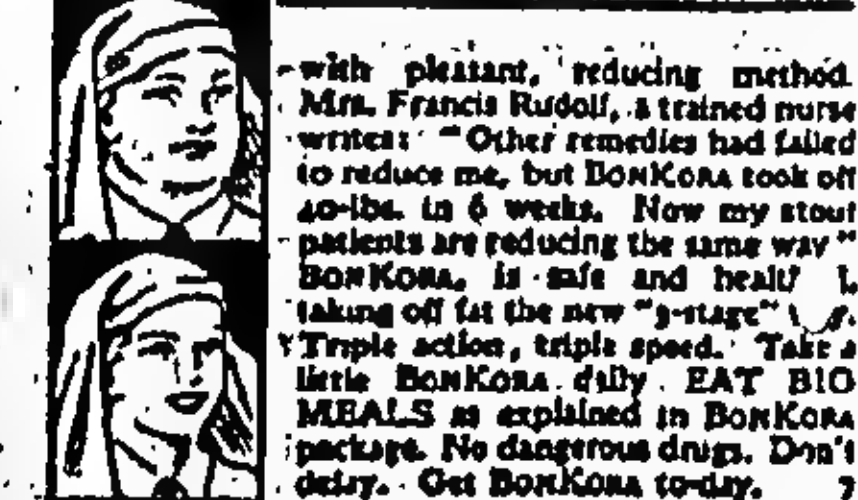
Lui Yip-chau, master of junk T4915H, reported that eight sailors boarded his vessel, seized his junk licence, and dumped four cannon, two muskets and a quantity of gunpowder overboard. The arms lost were valued at \$250.

Ng Shiu-kwan, master of junk T3470H, reported that he received similar treatment from the Japanese. His arms were worth \$105.

Together with another junk T4916H, all three junks were towed by the trawler to Tai Shan Island, where, after examination, they were released.

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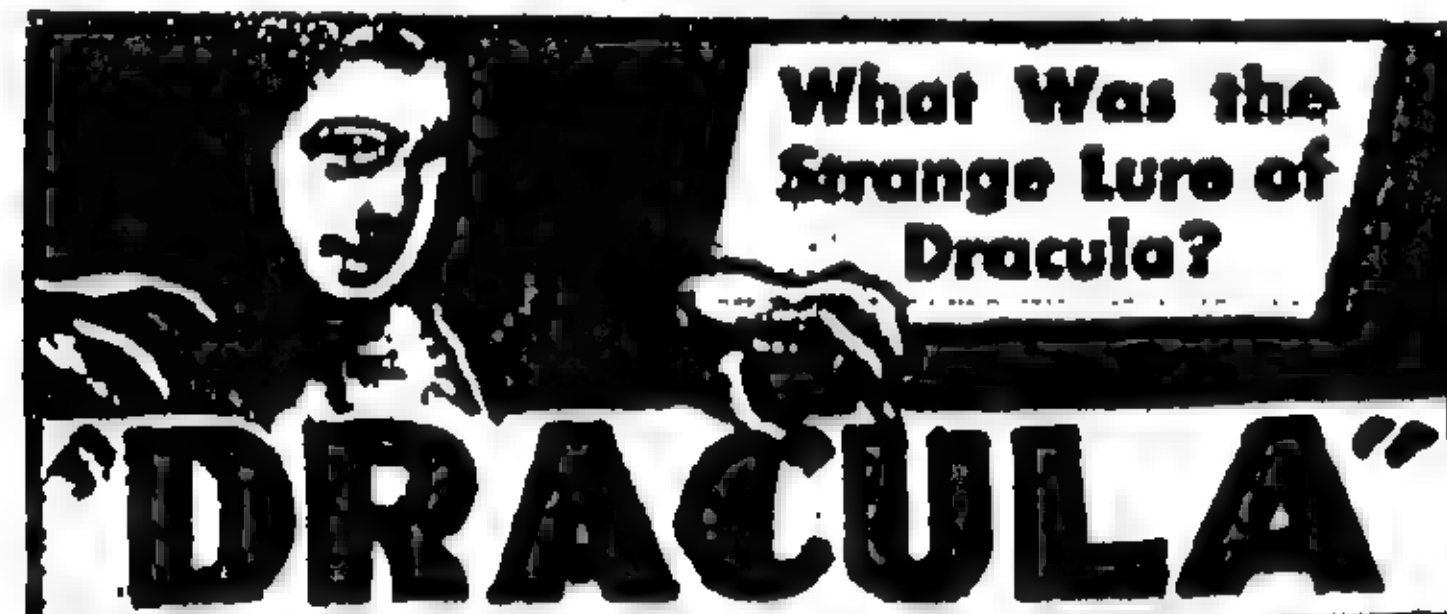
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2.30: "SWISS MISS"  
5.20: "A TALE OF TWO CITIES"

7.20: "SMILIN' THROUGH"  
9.30: "CAMILLE"

## BOY DROWNS BECAUSE OF DELAY

# RED TAPE PREVENTED LIFE BOAT LAUNCHING

FOR NEARLY AN HOUR TWO BOYS, AGED FIFTEEN, CLUNG DESPERATELY IN THE SEA TO A CAPSIZED CANOE WHILE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE WHETHER A LIFEBOAT SHOULD GO TO THEIR RESCUE WITHOUT THE ADMIRALTY'S CONSENT.

When help did arrive one of the boys was drowned. So annoyed are the people of Rhyl at the failure of the local lifeboat to go out that a petition of protest is being sent to Mr. Gwilym Rowlands, M.P. for Flintshire, and the National Lifeboat Institution.

This was revealed at the inquest at Rhyl on William Edward Hughes, fifteen, shop assistant, of Westfield-road, Rhyl. The verdict was Accidental death.

## LULL IN N. AFRICA

### Desultory Raids Exchanged

CAIRO, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communique states that enemy air activity in the western desert was slight.

R.A.F. bombers made a night attack on an enemy lorry concentration 15 miles west of Bardia.

Enemy positions at Fort Maddalena were bombed.

A mechanical transport concentration 80 miles west of Bardia was attacked, all bombs falling in the target areas.

**Bombing of Kenya**  
CAIRO, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—A communique issued by British G.H.Q. states that on September 27 enemy aircraft bombed Buna (Kenya) causing no casualties.

A petrol engagement near Wal Gura resulted in 12 of the enemy being killed.

There is nothing to report in Sudan, Egypt and Palestine.

**Italians Attack Malta**  
LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—A Malta message to-day confirmed the Cairo communique about Italian raids on Malta on Saturday afternoon.

A Malta communique says that two formations of Italian planes attacked the port, in addition to the enemy fighters shot down by Hurricanes, two Italian bombers were damaged and probably failed to return to their base.

Damage to civilian property was remarkably slight.

A number of bombs fell in fields, causing slight damage to telephone wires.

## Navy Now Has First Woman Doctor

### Mother of the children

LONDON, Sept. 29 (UP).—Dr. Attraction Genevieve Rewcastle, the first woman doctor to be appointed to the Royal Navy, is the mother of three children, one of whom may shortly be joining the navy.

Dr. Rewcastle's grant of the relative rank of surgeon-lieutenant, R.N.V.R., is not only the honour she has received since the war. A few weeks ago she received the Cross of the Ecluse et Pontificum from the Pope in recognition of her services to the Roman Catholic community.

Throughout her medical career she has taken special interest in child welfare matters. After qualifying in her native Dublin she was house surgeon at St. Ulan's hospital there and later became assistant school medical officer at Sheffield, England.

The other boy, Ronald William Robinson, fifteen, of Marine-drive, Rhyl, stated that on July 15 he went out with Hughes in Hughes's home-made canoe.

They found them drifting out to sea. They tried to turn the canoe and it overturned, throwing them into the water.

"We clung to the canoe for an hour," said Robinson. "Suddenly it sank and Hughes let go. I tried to save him, but didn't see him again."

"A few minutes later I was picked up by a motor-boat which was just too late to save Hughes."

Walter Henry Bolton, a Rhyl constable, said Rhyl police informed him that the boys were in difficulties.

On looking through his telescope, he decided they were merely bathing, although he saw them clinging to the canoe.

He kept them under observation for five minutes, decided they were really in difficulties and telephoned Mr. Ernest Jones, secretary of the Rhyl Lifeboat Association, who said it was not possible for the boat to go as he could not get the crew together at that time of day.

Later Mr. Jones suggested that a motor-boat should be sent out, and this was done. Hughes's body was not found till next day.

Constable Cecil Williams, of Rhyl, said he telephoned Bolton twice insisting that the lifeboat should go out.

Eventually, Bolton agreed to order the boat out, but at 9.20 p.m. Bolton telephoned back that he had cancelled the order for the lifeboat as he had decided the boys were really not in difficulties.

**Coroner's Criticism**  
Constable Williams said he hurried to the lifeboat house and found the lifeboat ready to go out.

The boat never went out. The engineer told him he could not go till the coxswain instructed him to do so.

Inspector Charles Millington said the secretary told him that the boat could not go without the Admiralty's consent.

Ernest Jones, of Bodfor-street, Rhyl, secretary of Rhyl Lifeboat Association, said: "In the ordinary way I would have ordered the lifeboat to be launched. I didn't do so because the lifeboat is now under the Admiralty's supervision."

"It is forbidden to fire maroons to summon the crew, so it would have taken about an hour to get them together."

The coroner, Mr. H. Llewellyn Jones: If there was a boat sinking, it would have a fine chance of being saved by your boat.

Jones: Whether the boat goes out rests with me. I adapt myself to the conditions.

The coroner: Yes, is about an hour.

Jones: I dare not launched the boat without asking the Admiralty.

## JAPANESE TEAR DOWN FLAG

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ders to hold fire which permitted the Japanese to surround the city.

The Japanese explained that the Japanese acted as guides for the Japanese.

Langson was attacked by 20,000 Japanese. The town was unable to hold out against the terrific aerial and artillery bombardments which destroyed the French anti-tank emplacements.

**Army Disarmed**  
Many Frenchmen and one American-born Foreign Legionnaire are among the prisoners taken by the Japanese at Langson where a large portion of Indo-China's army has been disarmed.

French officers said the Japanese are distributing propaganda among the natives of Indo-China inciting them against white men. However, they said that many of the stories of atrocities have been exaggerated, eight French soldiers attempting to escape capture, are reported to have been slowly bayoneted to death.

Stories by French officers who escaped from Langson are numerous. It is reported that 140 Frenchmen escaped through the Japanese lines. Two officers reached Hanoi yesterday after a 75-mile walk crossing and re-crossing the Japanese lines.

**Haiphong Latest**  
The Japanese have distributed pamphlets among the natives explaining the New Order in East Asia and also warning them not to resist the Japanese.

Reports from Haiphong state that the Japanese there are fraternizing with the Indo-Chinese and at the same time requiring Europeans to show Japanese passes without which they are not permitted to walk in the streets.

## R.A.F. REACH TARGETS

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power stations and anti-aircraft gun positions were bombed.

Elsewhere in north Germany, targets included important railway centres and aerodromes.

The naval base at Wilhelmshaven was strongly attacked and fires and explosions were caused.

Munich works at Hanau, near Frankfurt, suffered severe damage. Along the Channel coast, Le Havre, Fecamp, Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk were all heavily bombed as well as a line of big gun emplacements near Cap Gris Nez.

The enemy base at Lorient was again attacked. Two of our aircraft are missing from these operations.

**Pilot Tells Story**  
Describing the attack on a munitions factory at Hanau, one of the pilots said: "A fire was already burning in the factory when we got there. We made out two oblong buildings, one of which was well ablaze. The second one had not caught fire properly but it was too good a target to miss."

"Smoke from the fires was curling up a thousand feet above us when we pulled out of our dive. The whole building seemed to go up in flames."

"We came round again and bombed a second time in a level attack. When we left, the fires were still burning fiercely."

"It looked to me as if the whole factory block had gone up in flames, not one building alone but all the surrounding blocks. It was just roaring up in a mass of flames."

## JAPANESE ARMY OFFICER SHOT

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first attempted assassination of a Japanese officer since Hongkew was reopened to the Chinese.

**Man Seriously Hurt**  
Virtual martial law was clamped down on Hongkew, the Japanese-occupied portion of the International Settlement, to-night following an attempt by a Chinese gunman to assassinate a Japanese military officer, reports "Reuter."

This Japanese is reported to be in a serious condition. He was shot twice.

No details of the attack are allowed to leak out by the Japanese, who, however, have increased the military street patrols in Hongkew and have intensified the searching of all incoming and out-going from the district.

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## Guns And Bombs Destroy Hitler's Dream

**Anti-American Incident In Hanoi**

### JAPANESE TEAR DOWN FLAG

*Newsman's Tour of Front*

HANOI, Sept. 29 (UP).—Japanese troops to-day tore down the American flag and occupied the warehouse belonging to the American Far Eastern Trading Company which shipped American goods to Chungking prior to the closure of the Indo-China frontier.

It is understood the incident was settled on the spot within a few hours when the Japanese withdrew.

"United Press" correspondent Melville Jacoby made a tour 70 miles northeast of Hanoi and found the front quiet. Officers said there had been no firing for three days except from roaming pro-Japanese guerrilla bands comprised of Japanese, Chinese and Indo-Chinese who have been accused of torturing to death at least thirty Frenchmen.

Captain Martin Pante, formerly special "United Press" correspondent who was mobilised in the French forces when the Canton army crossed the frontier is reported to be among the French captured by the Japanese at Langson.

**Armies Miles Apart**

At the front Melville Jacoby found the armies several miles apart with Japanese reconnoitering planes occasionally flying over the French line which is a line of natural fortifications across the valley which leads to Hanoi.

The French have destroyed the railway bridge across the river at the entrance to the valley. The French headquarters are located among native buildings. The correspondent was well received, being offered French bread and red wine.

French officers lamented the United States had not sent aeroplanes to Indo-China in June.

Officers said the loss of Langson was largely the result of French error.

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*Special to the "Telegraph"*

**BRITISH LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY AND BOMBING PLANES HAVE RENDERED ALL OF HITLER'S INVASION BASES ON THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, ESPECIALLY CALAIS, VIRTUALLY USELESS.**

This statement was issued at Vichy yesterday, says "United Press" quoting reports from Northern France.

Docks have been destroyed, channels blasted and shipping sunk.

The damage at Calais is reported to be terrific.

British guns throughout the week-end hammered the German gun emplacements with terrifying force, firing two salvos every two minutes.

It was officially announced yesterday that R.A.F. bombers carried out intensive raids along the entire Channel coast, bombing Le Havre, Fecamp, Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk.

German gun emplacements at Cap Gris Nez were also successfully attacked, while further raids were effected against the big shipping base at Lorient.

"Two of our aircraft are missing from these operations," says the announcement.

**Bases Hammered**

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

LONDON, Sept. 29 (UP).—While the Nazis were vainly endeavouring to batter their way through to central London, the Royal Air Force, in the face of heavy rains and a storm in the Straits of Dover, hammered away at German invasion bases.

Bomb flashes dotted many miles of the French coastline and were particularly heavy at Boulogne.

German preparations have been going on too consistently to be merely an attempt to divert a proportion of our bombing force from more important targets.

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## U.S. Asiatic Fleet May Be Increased

### Singapore Basing Possibilities

*Special to the "Telegraph"*

MANILA, Sept. 30 (UP).—Units of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, including the cruiser Marblehead, the supply ship Black Hawk and a destroyer flotilla, have arrived in Manila Bay from China waters.

However, naval officials remain tight-lipped regarding reports received from Honolulu that the Asiatic Fleet is being strengthened.

Naval officials indicated that if cruisers and destroyers have left Honolulu for the Far East, they might be based at Singapore.

This would indicate a parallel United States front which would force Japan to make the next move either on the military or diplomatic front.

On the other hand, they said, if an aircraft-carrier is en route, it would have to be based at Manila as there was insufficient supporting strength at Singapore.

**Japan And N.E.I.**

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

TOKYO, Sept. 30 (UP).—Urging the Japanese Government to recall the Japanese Mission from the Dutch East Indies, the "Hochi Shimbun" to-day asserts that Japan's adherence to the Axis has changed the situation in the Pacific.

The paper says that current negotiations are "putting the cart before the horse" because the prerequisite for negotiations now with the Netherlands East Indies is a thorough elimination of the dormant anti-Japanese attitude, and a decision by the East Indies to co-operate in the construction of a "greater East Asia."

It is useless to continue negotiations when the Netherlands East Indies are, as at present, depending on the United States both militarily and economically, asserts the paper.

**Want Unity Demonstration**

TOKYO, Sept. 30 (UP).—Elder statesmen in Tokyo are advising the Japanese Premier to convene an extraordinary session of the Diet for the purpose of "demonstrating to the world that Japan's 100,000,000 people are in unity behind the German-Italian-Japanese alliance," according to the "Kokumin Shimbun."

The paper added that the Government is soon to start a nationwide movement towards the perfection of Japan's national defence.

## Protests To Japanese Discrimination Complaint

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (Reuter).—The British and American authorities have lodged strong protests with the Japanese over alleged discrimination against the sale of petroleum and gasoline in areas now under their control, states a report to the "Sin Wan Pao."

The Asiatic Petroleum Company, the Texas Company and the Standard Oil Company, hitherto have been permitted to push sales in occupied areas with special permits issued by the Japanese who now completely monopolise the distribution of products in the occupied areas through a Japanese-organized company, the paper states.

## BREN GUN UNITS ON THE SUSSEX DOWNS



The famous Sussex Downs, beloved of all English southerners, have taken on a new aspect since the start of the war. Over the grassland, heather and gorse daily manoeuvre Britain's ground defences—tanks, bren gun units, artillery, infantry, all maintaining fighting pitch against the day when Hitler might attempt an invasion. Here we see a bren gun unit moving up to defensive position on the rolling Sussex Downs.

## MAY PARTITION SWITZERLAND

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

MOSCOW, Sept. 29 (UP).—According to Tass, the semi-official Soviet news agency, unconfirmed reports from Bucharest state that the partition of Switzerland by Germany, Italy and France is being discussed.

The organisation of a new Balkan bloc to include Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Italy is also being discussed, says the report.

## No Bases For Japan Against America

*Vichy Promise*

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

VICHY, Sept. 29 (UP).—It is understood that the French Government has assured the United States that Japan will not be permitted to use Indo-China as a base of operations against the United States, the Philippines or the Netherlands East Indies.

The French Government has officially declared that its policy in the Far East is always subject to modification, if necessary, particularly should the United States enter the war.

In such an event France would remain neutral and the Hanoi pact would not align the French against the Americans, or give Japan any bases for use against the United States.

## LATEST

### Second Killing In Hongkew Reported

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (UP).—It is reliably reported that another Japanese—a Navy commander—was totally shot in another section of Hongkew yesterday at the same time that the Japanese gendarme officer was killed.

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## WEIHAIWEI AGREEMENT

*Revoked By Nanking*

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

NANKING, Sept. 30, (Domei).—The Nanking Government announces that the "puppet" Foreign Ministry has notified Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, of its decision to revoke the Chinese concession to Britain on Luklung Island, east of Weihaiwei.

The Sino-British agreement concluded in 1930 in connection with the retrocession of Weihaiwei expires to-day.

"On Saturday last 'Reuter' reported that in an exchange of letters dated March 15, 1940, between the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs in Chungking and the British Ambassador to China, the loan of the facilities at Luklung Island had been renewed for a further period of ten years as from October 1, 1940.

**Communique**

An Air Ministry communique states: Weather conditions over north Germany were unfavourable but numbers of our aircraft reached their objectives.

In Berlin and district, electric

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## Soviet Ambassador's Chungking Talks

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (Reuter).—Problems of common interest to China and Russia are understood to have been discussed by M. Alexandre Pavlovskikh, Soviet Ambassador to China, and Chinese Government officials in Chungking upon the conclusion of the German-Italian-Japanese military and economic pact, well-informed circles stated, to the "Sin Wan Pao."

It is believed that they discussed the question of further Soviet assistance to China, the paper says.

## Japanese Army Officer Shot Dead By Chinese

*Special to the "Telegraph"*

SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (UP).—The Japanese army officer who was shot yesterday died in the Army Hospital at 10.30 last night.

The Japanese Army are preparing a statement.

According to "Domei" the assassinated man is Major Yosuke Isobe, who was attacked by two Chinese posing as stall-keepers on the roadside. Two bullets penetrated Major Isobe's chest. The assailants are still at large.

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## REOPENING OF THE BURMA RD.

### Certain Says Chungking Newspaper

*SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"*

CHUNGKING, Sept. 29 (UP).—The reopening of the Burma Road is a certainty, according to the "Ta Kung Pao," which quotes authorised sources.

These sources declared that British diplomats had revealed that October 17 has been stipulated as the date for expiration of the closure of the road.

The "Ta Kung Pao," leading the demands for reopening of the road says: "Now that Japan has concluded the pact with the Axis Powers, Japan has become Britain's enemy, and is not entitled to any assistance from Britain."

"Should Britain continue to aid the enemy against friendly China, Britain will take a most dishonourable place in the halls of justice, as well as in the realm of international politics."

"Britain should reopen the Burma Road immediately."

**Minister's Confidence**

CHUNGKING, Sept. 30 (Reuter).—The belief that Britain will soon reopen the Burma Road to the passage of arms was expressed by Dr. Oong Wen-hao, Minister for Economic Affairs yesterday.

He said that Britain realised that agreement cannot change Japan's hostile attitude, as proved by the alliance.

The "Ta Kung Pao" in a leading article says that the action by Japan releases Britain from whatever treaty obligations she might have towards the Japanese.

## DUKE OF KENT SEES CANADIANS



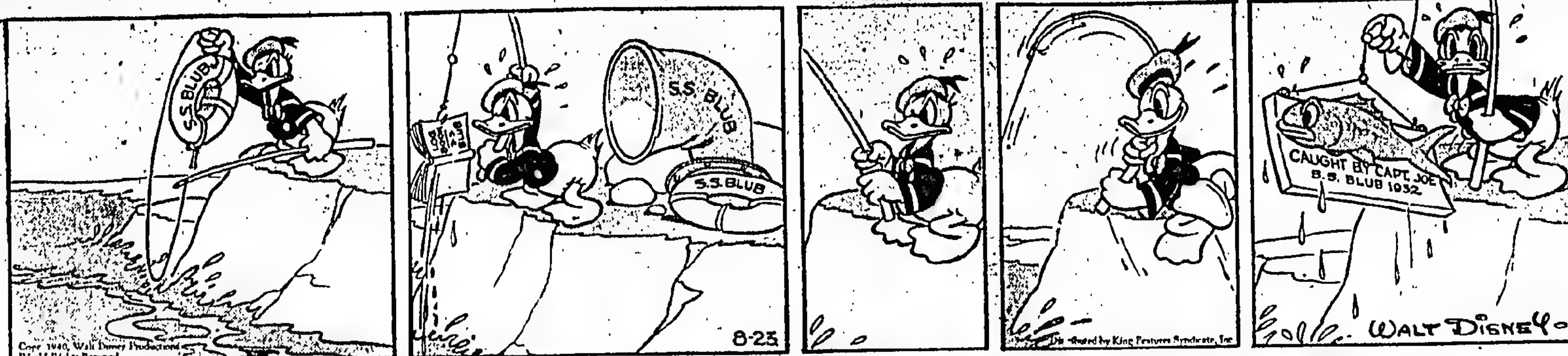
An informal picture of the Duke of Kent with his son and daughter chatting with wounded Canadian soldiers at their new hospital in England. Princess Alexandra has a coy smile for the photographer.







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# MAGAZINE PAGE

## ONE YEAR OF WAR

EDWARD BEATTIE, United Press Staff Correspondent, sums up on this page the position of Britain at the end of the first year of war.

### LAND

The first year of the Second World War was a complete war in itself, a series of smashing blows which put the Axis powers into position for the attack on Britain around the world.

Germany bore the entire burden of attack, but Italy and possibly Japan and Spain, were prepared to profit by Britain's concentration in the defence of her own long island sea coast.

At the end of the first year, Nazi troops hold the entire coast of Europe from North Cape to the heel of Blacay, with friendly Spain beyond. It took Hitler just under ten months to seize it. Philip of Spain, and later Napoleon, needed years of campaigning and diplomacy before they were in position for thrusts which failed.

In the two months since the collapse of France, big guns have been brought into position. Some of them can shoot into England. New air bases give the German air force fighter protection for its thousands of bombing planes. Men and weapons have been assembled and boats and submarines in the lowland rivers, all for the frontal assault on England which Hitler swore to the Reichstag would come.

In the Mediterranean and Africa, Italy can strike at the wheat of Egypt or the barren oil fields of Palestine. In Spain, the campaign for an attack on Gibraltar has reopened. In the Far East, Japan could move on Hongkong or Singapore, or the French and Dutch colonies, none of which now could expect much help from home.

British garrisons along the line of empire are prepared for attacks which may come in overwhelming numbers. At home, Britain is better prepared for defence than she ever has been in a history studied with war.

The story of the one year which put Hitler on the channel coast, and the flanking wings of his army in Brittany and the Norwegian fjord, is one of quick deadly efficient strokes by the modernist of all armies, matched against semi-preparedness or outmoded the theories of war.

The invasion of Poland set the general keynote for the year. When the German armies struck from three sides on Sept. 1, 1939, they caught the best of the Polish armies too far forward toward a frontier very hard to defend, and the bulk of the army too far from full mobilisation.

Poland, like every small or new country in Europe, could not afford the masses of guns and planes needed in modern war to take on a major opponent. The German air force in its first test reduced transport and communications to a shambles, making further mobilisation next to impossible and producing such chaos that within a few days of the start the Polish army was a series of independent forces, fighting with no idea of general plan.

Great German pincer movements enveloped whole army corps, then armies. Panzer divisions, the armoured spearheads, let by 500 tanks which later proved decisive in France, played havoc with the Polish supply organisation and reserves. The Polish air force was virtually immobilised after three or four days. Bone-dry weather hardened the Polish mud, which might have been down the advance.

By September 10, it was obvious that resistance beyond a couple of months was impossible. September 17 Russia moved into eastern Poland, and the situation was a shattering barrage until September 27; the army scraped together in the far south by General Sosnkowski lasted even longer; scattered resistance in the woods continued for weeks. But the decision had been forced in the first week of the campaign.

The western front was static, as

heavier weapons. There were no landing fields for British fighters in Norway, and their bases in England were too far away. At Andalusnes and Dombas planes were decimated.

The drive which began May 10 with the invasion of Holland and Belgium and ended 38 days later when France sued for peace was in its essence the classic Schlieffen plan with variations, dictated by modern weapons and by the features of a campaign which must have developed faster than even the Schlieffen.

It was carried out in perfect co-ordination of air force, army and naval troops, aided by the start by a fifth column which probably was Hitler's secret weapon. Holland and Belgium had only a fraction of the heavy weapons to meet the first three thrusts and a thing but improvised precautions to throw against the third. The British and French armies which marched north to meet the Germans were in slightly better case.

The rear-guard action to Dunkirk, one of the most brilliant retreats in history, the 10 to one forlorn hope battles of the gallant RAF, and the effort of the British and French navies in the channel, saved 335,000 men from the Dunkirk beaches, 224,318 of them British.

The drive turned on Paris was June 5 with the attack on the improvised Somme-Aisne line. It was the same story. There was nothing on hand to stop the armoured divisions, with their 500 tanks ranging from fast light vehicles to monsters of a reported 70 to 80 tons mounting 300-yard flame throwers and heavy guns.

On June 17, Marshal Petain asked for an armistice, despite



PRELUDE TO "THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN"  
Plans from England to remember France's promise. June 22 France signed at Compiègne giving up her Atlantic coast.

The stage was set for the attack on England. One, setting three on fire and destroying six supply ships in the harbour and a munitions carrier outside. Two British ships were lost. Three days later they were back again, led by the battleship Warspite, and sank seven more German destroyers and some other ships.

There are other highlights—the submarine which put torpedoes into two cruisers off the Elbe, the destroyers which tied up to the quay at Calais and dived the German field artillery. But the great feat of the navy was the evacuation from Dunkirk, a melancholy job ending a melancholy campaign, but executed with great brilliance against odds which always looked crushing.

The navy, helped by the strongest collection of rowboats, motorboats, sidewheelers, pleasure yachts and collars ever assembled, took off 335,000 men in roughly five days, off the beaches, from the piers, swimming in the water, and under one of the most concentrated air and land barrages ever brought to bear on one spot.

The destruction of some of the most powerful units of the French fleet, at Oran June 3 and Dakar June 8, was a necessary job about which the Navy doesn't talk much. But the second action succeeded because of the greatest individual feat of the war. Lt. Commander Bristowe, a reserve officer from the London Stock Exchange, took a naval launch in over the defence nets, set off the biggest French warship, the 35,000 ton Richelieu, and escaped pursuit. Planes from a carrier completed the attack. The British left the Richelieu settled by the stern and badly wounded.

One Empire ship performed brilliantly in the Mediterranean. The Australian cruiser Sydney, outgunned by two to one, took on the Italian Bartolomeo Colleoni, a sister ship, of the class called "fastest in the world," sank the Bartolomeo and put the other to flight.

### SEA

A handful of small, brilliant actions, from the Arctic Ocean to the South Atlantic highlighted the first year of naval war against the dull, routine background of convoy, patrol and the tightening of the sea blockade on Germany. The Royal Navy ended the year, despite three heavy

blows and some minor losses, at almost the same strength it possessed Sept. 3, 1939; with a huge building programme which put new vessels in service weekly and would shortly commission five ships-of-the-line; and with its command of the high seas unimpaired.

The most serious challenge to this superiority had arisen not at sea, but in the forest of Compiègne, where French armistice delegates agreed to neutralise their fleet.

Britain feared it would fall into German hands, to be combined with the German and Italian navies to produce equality in tonnage for an onslaught on England. In two shattering actions, Oran and Dakar, the Navy characteristically settled that problem.

Another challenge came from the air. Although the first year of war did not settle finally the 20-year old controversy on airplane versus battleship, it seemed to hint at the answer. Destroyer, submarines and cruisers, on one side or the other, were sunk by aerial bombs. Battleships sustained direct hits from heavy, armour piercing bombs, and did not sink. Battleships, escorted by

normal numbers of lighter warships and screened where necessary by planes, seemed on the basis of the first year as effective as ever.

The moves in the naval war could not be traced like those on land. For the most part it was a silent duel between submarine and machinery of economic blockade and the anti-submarine patrol went into effect smoothly and without fanfare. Only occasionally did the sea war flare briefly.

The opening act came on the first day of general war, September 3, 1939, when the liner Athenian, bound for America with civilian passenger list, was torpedoed. Americans were among the 142 who lost their lives. It looked like the start of unrestricted submarine warfare, but it wasn't.

On September 17 the British aircraft carrier Courageous was torpedoed, with a loss of 515 officers and men, first important casualty the British Navy had suffered since the World War.

Less than a month later, October 14, a German submarine by a brilliant feat of navigation penetrated Scapa Flow and fired a salvo of torpedoes into the battleship Royal Oak, sending her to the bottom with 780 of her crew.

November 16 marked the beginning of the German magnetic mine campaign off the British coast, in effective while it was a novelty but largely nullified by a close, airplane watch on the mine-layers, and by "Hedgehog" equipment to neutralise the magnetic attraction of ships.

On December 2 the East Indian man Rawalpindi, converted into an armed auxiliary cruiser, ran afoul

of the pocket battleship Deutschland and a light cruiser in the North Atlantic, and was sunk after a game but hopeless fight. She refused to strike colours.

Twelve days later, Britain got her own back when the light cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, whose total broadside was outweighed by the guns of the pocket battleship Graf Spee, attacked her off the mouth of the River Plate, hit at her for fourteen hours on the old Nelsonian principle of "always attack" and chased her stern-first into Montevideo with shattered fire control, other severe hits, and a casualty list of 39 dead and 60 wounded. The Graf Spee had sunk nine British merchant ships. Three days later she sank herself off Montevideo, rather than risk another fight.

The night of February 17, the destroyer Cossack steamed into Norwegian waters under Admiralty orders, ran the German steamer Altmärk aground in Jostedal, and after boarding her and forcing her crew overboard in a hand-to-hand fight, rescued over 300 British prisoners from the ships the Graf Spee had sunk. The Altmärk had been in Norwegian waters in the guise of a peaceable merchantman.

April 8, the Navy mined Norwegian territorial waters to close the inshore iron ore loophole from Narvik. The next day, for the only time in the war, the German fleet "got there fastest with the mostest" and succeeded, in putting an expeditionary force on land, but at the expense of at least twelve transports and supply ships to British submarines.

April 10, five British destroyers dashed into Narvik, took on six heavier and more modern Germans, sinking

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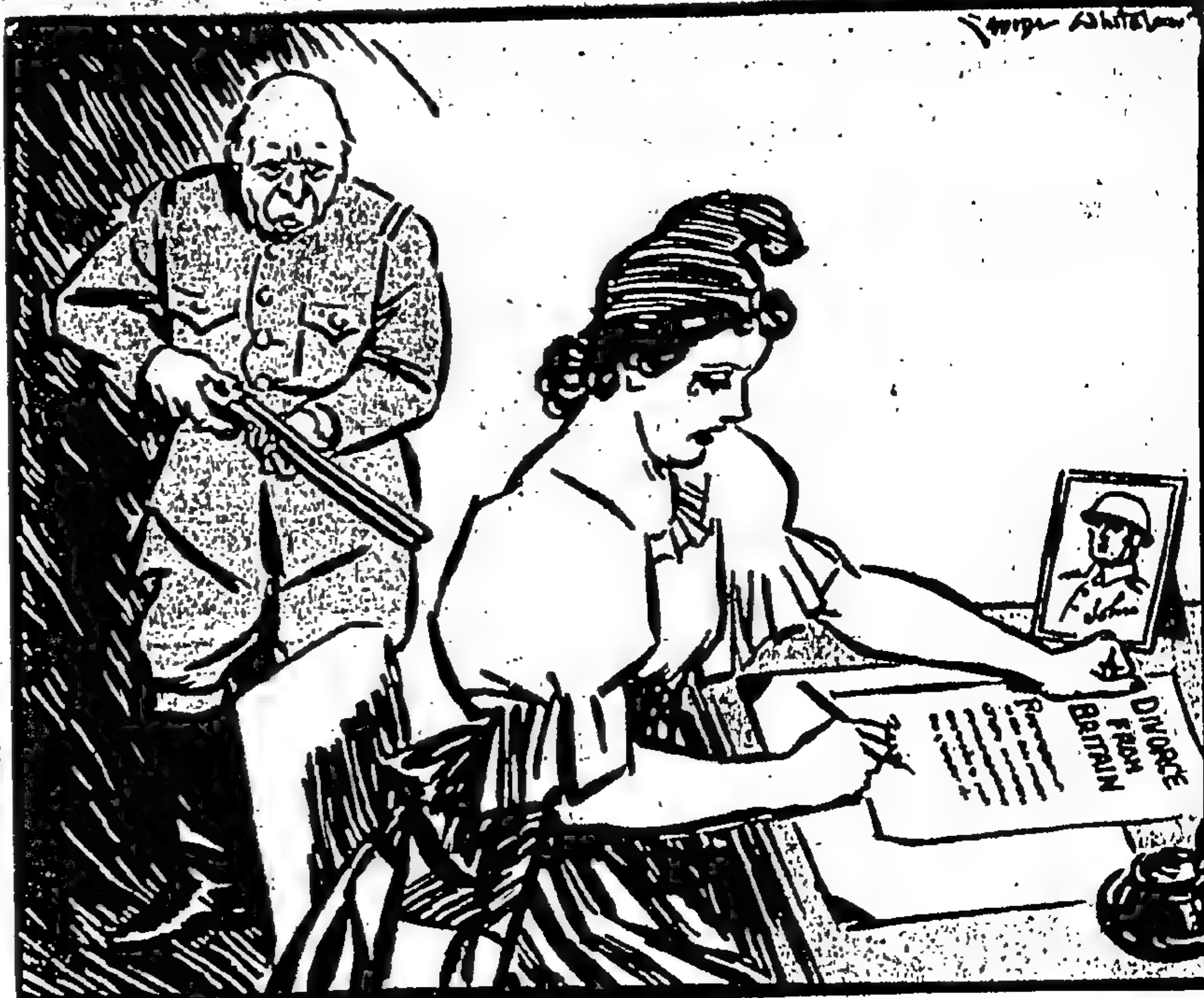
## TUNNELS FOR SAFETY

It has become an axiom that when officialdom is not indulging in the antics of the proverbial ostrich, it is emulating the ostrich, oblivious to the things which make for enterprising progress. In this respect Hongkong probably suffers not very much more, or very much less, than other parts of the world where macro-sant bureaucracy holds sway. Within recent months we have suffered some disturbing experiences, notably the evacuation of our women and children. In the tackling too, of social problems Government has long displayed an ineptness equalled only by its cynical disregard of constructive suggestions made either through the columns of the press or in documented researches carried out by community-minded residents.

All of which only goes to make more impressive the announcement that Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, our Director of A.R.P., refuses to behave like an ostrich when it comes to providing, within limitations which are obviously not his own, shelters for the Colony's population against possible air raids of the future. Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins has been to Chungking for the purpose of studying that city's successful A.R.P. He did not sneer at his instruction; on the contrary, knowing his job well and, recognising that the Chungking authorities have evolved their A.R.P. from bitter experience and not from academic theory, our Director has decided to apply similar principles of protection for Hongkong.

We welcome wholeheartedly his scheme for a tunnel-shelter in Blake Gardens which will be constructed of hollow concrete blocks. Experience elsewhere in the world has proved that this type of shelter is highly effective. But, if the protection of the Colony's populace against raids is to be thorough, we must have many more tunnels of the same type. We still believe the Peak offers an ideal and natural A.R.P. shelter, and that a tunnel, strategically placed, would be capable of saving tens of thousands of lives in the event of air attacks.

There is no lack of initiative and enterprise with our A.R.P. Director, but so far he has had to struggle against, suspicious officialdom on the one hand, and an apathetic public on the other; if Hongkong is to be adequately protected against air raids he must be supported to the full by both these sections of the community. The public, not without a certain measure of justification, has felt that hitherto they have received little in return for the ever-increasing expenditure on A.R.P. But if, and when, Government sanctions a full-sized A.R.P. scheme on the lines of the experimental Blake Gardens tunnel, the authorities need have little fear of the Colony protesting against expense. No taxpayer minds financing a vital necessity; all he asks for is an adequate return for his money, which, in this case, is safety for his life.



SHOTGUN DIVORCE

The battle for  
BRITAIN

Here, reprinted as an  
article, is the full text of a  
speech made by Mr. C. R.  
Attlee, Lord Privy Seal,  
in a broadcast.

LAST Thursday in the House of Commons the Prime Minister, in a moving and eloquent speech, described the action which was taken to prevent the French Fleet passing into the hands of our enemies.

It was a tragic necessity which compelled us, when all persuasion had proved unavailing, to open fire on those who had so lately been our comrades-in-arms.

Every one of those who had to take this grievous decision felt the most intense reluctance, but every one realised where their duty lay, not only to our own people, but to the French also, and to all those who are now under the yoke of the Nazis.

If France is to rise again Britain must not fail. If Europe is to be free Nazism must be defeated. If the one remaining citadel of liberty in Europe is to be preserved its defenders must not shrink from taking those actions which the situation demands.

## Complete Unity

There was no doubt or hesitation by any member of the Cabinet on this crucial decision. There was no doubt or hesitation in the response of the House of Commons to the Prime Minister's speech. The spontaneous demonstration of all the Members showed more eloquently than speeches could have done that the nation is united and resolved in the support of the Government in its action.

More than this, it is resolved, as the Prime Minister said, to prosecute the war with the utmost vigour until the righteous purposes for which we have entered upon it have been fulfilled.

I am certain that the House of Commons truly reflected the spirit of the nation at this critical time. We know that the British Commonwealth and Empire is now standing alone and that we in the heart of it shall soon be facing the full onslaught of our enemies.

I believe that we shall meet it with courage and defeat it in whatever form it may come.

I was glad the other day to meet men from overseas who are fighting alongside with us in our hour of need.

I am full of confidence in the men of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force.

## They Will Not Fail

Yesterday I was visiting some of our defences in a sector which is held by the men of the regiment in which I served in the last war. I was greatly encouraged by seeing the work which had been done and by the bearing of our men. They will not fail us.

Naturally, my thoughts turned to the last war. I recalled how, when we were about to go into action, one had a "certain calm of mind," a dedication to the immediate task in the waiting time before zero hour; one's thoughts might turn to the kind of world one hoped to see

after the war, but it was not worth while thinking much of one's own part in it.

To-day it is not the fighting men alone, but the whole nation which is waiting for zero hour.

We are engaged in total warfare against an enemy who will neglect no means of attaining his aim, an enemy who is utterly ruthless in his methods.

He will fix the zero hour to suit himself. I want us all to use the waiting time, be it long or short, to the best possible advantage to our cause.

I stress the point that all of us have to play our part. It is not easy for us in this country, which has been so long immune from invasion, to realise that we are all in it.

It has not been easy to fit everybody into the kind of service which they wish, although much has been done, but there are duties which can be performed by all, whatever their occupation.

## His Other Weapon

We have recently witnessed the overthrow of a great nation—France. This was not brought about only by force of arms. It was caused very largely by the use of Hitler's other weapon, the destruction of the unity, confidence and morale of the people, resulting in the paralysis of its will power at the critical time.

This has always been his most effective weapon.

Nation after nation has been overrun because they were beguiled into a refusal to face facts. They refused to understand the nature of the thing against which they were fighting.

Neutral States hoped that they would not be brought into the struggle. A short-sighted idea of self-preservation prevented the essential unity of spirit of the civilised nations of Europe from being translated into action.

That is why we now face the barbarians alone.

But the sapping of the unity of the Western nations had its parallel in the disunity within the various States.

Sectional interests were stimulated in order to destroy the power of resistance.

Skillful use was made of national differences by the Nazi propagandists, but not only of national differences.

The Nazis were able to persuade some well-to-do people that they were the saviours of society against Red revolution.

They now seek, without the slightest possibility of success, to persuade the workers that they are the friends of the poor against the ruling classes.

British workers are far too well informed of actual facts of Nazi

rule to be deceived by this. They are well aware that the Nazis seek to impose on the world a new ruling class themselves, more brutal and more oppressive than any of which they have had experience.

## They Are Traitors

Every one of us is a fighter against this Hitler weapon. There is a phrase used a great deal now—"Fifth Columnists." I don't like it. I prefer the old-fashioned word, traitors.

I do not think there are many active traitors in this country. There are a few British who have accepted the Nazi doctrine or the Nazi pay. There are, no doubt, a few foreigners who are pro-Nazi, though the vast majority of those in this country are here just because they have stood up against Nazi oppression.

But there are people in this country who unconsciously play the game of the Fifth Column—the game of the traitors.

Men and women who talk defeatism, who sow distrust and disunity, people who believe that whatever happens they will be all right and will be allowed to carry on their businesses, people who are disloyal to the principles of freedom and democracy for which we are fighting.

Just as we have organised the Local Defence Volunteers to deal with attacks from parachutists and the like, so every individual in the community ought to see to it that he strengthens the fortress of his soul against the attack on morale, which is Hitler's great weapon.

## Back to Barbarism

There is one particular phase of Nazi propaganda which I must mention. It endeavours to represent Nazism as something new, young and vigorous, standing for the future against the past.

It is nothing of the kind. It is a reversion to the past, a reversion to barbarism.

Europe has had to stand such attacks before. The Battle of Britain will take its place in history with the Battle of Chalons, when the Huns were defeated.

In this Battle of Britain we are fighting for our very existence, but we are fighting for something more. It has been the endeavour of the Nazis to exalt and foster the lowest instincts of human nature, cruelty, greed and intolerance.

We are fighting the battle of man's higher nature. We shall not be unworthy of our cause. In the realm of the spirit we do not stand alone.

Everywhere the hearts of all who care for liberty are with us. We are now holding the bridgehead of freedom. When we have defeated this attack the rising forces of freedom in all lands will bring about the downfall of Hitler and the Nazi system.

We know that the fight will be hard and the sacrifices great.

When victory is won, it will be the duty of those who have to take up the task of reconstruction to establish a free and peaceful Europe, wherein all may enjoy those things which are the basis of civilisation, which Nazism everywhere destroys.

WINDSORS  
MUST  
ECONOMISE

By Joan Younger  
United Press Staff  
Correspondent

Nassau, The Bahamas, Sept. 29 (UP).—The question of whether the "personal touch" of the American-born Duchess of Windsor can transform the old government house decorations without exceeding the official budget, has society excitedly wondering.

The Bahamian House of Assembly recently authorised \$8,000 for redecoration and it was understood that the Duchess planned to work with her friend, Lady Mendil, in decorating the 140-year-old mansion.

At present the main living room furniture in the mansion is done in rose—the favourite colour of Queen Mother Mary—and a ten-foot tall picture of the Queen as a young girl dominates the spacious dining room. (Queen Mary has often been reported as one of the royal family who opposed the return of the Duchess of Windsor to Britain after her marriage to the former King.)

A staff of six servants has been maintained at the mansion, but there was a general belief that more would be added by the new governor.

Fantastic stories have sprung up here regarding treasures which the Duke and Duchess are bringing to bedeck the house. These stories have aroused some fear among friends of the couple that a tempest in a teapot would be created in event local society gets the impression that their tastes were too extravagant. More than one governor at Nassau in the past has seen his requests for a change of residence or increased living credits flatly and hotly rejected by the local legislature.

The outgoing governor, Sir Charles Dundas, after completing the construction of new government houses on fashionable Prospect Heights tried to get the legislature to approve transfer of his official residence there but was refused. Any desire on the part of the Duke and Duchess to move from the present mansion built in 1801 and containing seven bedrooms, six bathrooms and 24 other rooms, including the executive council chambers, private secretary's office and grand ballroom, would probably meet similar objections.

Vivian Drury, one of the Duke's old-school friends who spent the winter in Nassau, has acquired two estates for the Duke, Four Winds and Tairling, at exclusive Cable Beach. It was learned here, whether the Duke and Duchess will choose to live in them, or merely want them to house members of their entourage, is a question of importance to Nassau society.

It is clear from comment here that the social impression made in the first weeks at Nassau may affect the tenure of the Duke's stay as governor. Nassau was outspoken against the former King's abdication and marriage but the two newspapers of the island are urging the population to give the couple the greatest cooperation.

The Nassau Daily Tribune in an editorial said:

"We refuse to be hypocritical. We did not agree with the abdication. We do not agree with it now, with the Duke on the colony's doorstep. And we do not hesitate to say that nothing can happen to make us change our view."

A fact that the Duke must face and this cannot be denied is that his administration can be only one of two things—a glorious success and a turning point in his career, or a colossal failure.

When the Duke and Duchess stepped ashore from Prince George wharf they were greeted by Chief Justice O. B. Daly in his scarlet robes, the 11 other members of the Executive Council (who will compose his cabinet), a guard of 100 native troops, the crowds in the streets and the leaders of society.

The Duke was inducted into office by taking the oath to be governor and commander-in-chief in and over the Bahamas, vice-admiral and ordinary of the same, and an oath of allegiance to his brother, King George VI.

The Bahamas cover an area of 4,440 square miles, comprising 29 islands, 601 cays and over 2,000 reefs stretching from 50 miles off the Florida coast to within sight of Cuba. Nassau papers have stated that if the Duke's mission is a success it is possible that Nassau will become the capital of all British possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

'FIGHT TO LAST  
MAN,' BEACH  
ARMY IS ORDERED

SHOULD an invading German force come out of the morning mist and, cutting through the protective screen of the Navy and R.A.F., succeed in landing in Britain it will face regiments of an army ordered to fight to the last man. The British Army and Home Guard are doing is not their "code name." They are there for one purpose—to do or die.



# SPAIN INCITED TO JOIN FOUR POWER PACT AXIS WANTS BASES FOR ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, SEPT. 29 (UP).—SPAIN WILL NOT EMBARK ON AN ACTIVE PROGRAMME IF SHE ADHERES TO THE ROME-BERLIN-TOKYO AXIS BECAUSE SHE IS REPORTED TO BE MATERIALLY UNPREPARED TO ENTER AN INTENSIVE WAR, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC ADVICE HERE.

## Believe It Or Not . . . .

Special to the "Telegraph"

DOVER, SEPT. 29 (UP).—On Christmas Eve 1914 the first bomb ever to fall in England landed in a garden in Dover and blew a man from a fruit tree on which he was working.

On Saturday a German plane dropped a bomb on exactly the spot and knocked the same fruit tree out of the ground.

# INVASION OF U.K. YET POSSIBLE

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (REUTER).—A warning that the danger of invasion does not necessarily disappear as autumn and winter approaches was given me to-day by naval circles, writes "Reuter's" naval correspondent at a British naval base.

The weather on this part of the coast, which will probably have a big influence on Hitler's invasion plans, has been consistently fine for some time but it is now threatening to break up.

Naturally the tendency is to assume that the onset of autumn and winter means that the opportunity for invasion has passed.

## Boats and Barges

Flat-bottomed boats and barges, the main form of transport for an invading force—cannot be used successfully in the unfavourable sea conditions which are likely to be encountered. But as the Navy knows there are seasonal tides to come and one of these would normally make it possible for such craft as the Germans have assembled to be used.

During the next few weeks, for example, there should occur a "second summer" or a period of temporary calm when an attempt could be made.

If the Germans are hoping that by thus delaying the attempt they are likely to catch Britain somewhat off guard, they will be severely disappointed, for the Navy is determined not to relax for an instant.

The fact that preparations in the French Channel ports are still continuing steadily is regarded as another reason why invasion is still a possibility. These preparations have been proceeding too consistently to be merely an attempt to divert a proportion of our bombing force from more important objectives.

# NORWAY UNDER NAZI RULERS

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (REUTER).—The German authorities have lately taken further measures against private persons and organisations in Norway.

The Vice-President of the Norwegian Press Association has been arrested and his newspaper, one of the largest Socialist dailies, stopped.

Only German films are being shown in Oslo cinemas.

The Reich Commissioner has created a special organisation to supervise Norwegian Trade Unions and all Communists must be excluded from all positions of importance in these bodies.

## Faith In Britain

Faith in Britain's war effort is daily growing stronger among the Norwegian people, says a telegram from Stockholm to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London.

There is no sign of any support or recognition of the new Nazi-sponsored government and the whole system is regarded with the deepest suspicion.

# Seyss-Inquart Make Promise to Hollanders

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE HAGUE, SEPT. 29 (UP).—It may seem at present as though a great deal is expected of the Dutch people but this is only due to external conditions, declared Herr Seyss-Inquart, Reich Administrator of the occupied territory of Holland when he addressed the newly formed Netherlands Cultural Circle here to-day.

"Virtually the whole territory over which the influence of the German Reich will reach in New Europe will be at the disposal of all Free Dutchmen," he added.

The President of the Circle, whose aim is to insure "independent Dutch Cultural Life" also gave a speech.

# LULL IN N. AFRICA

## Desultory Raids Exchanged

CAIRO, SEPT. 29 (REUTER).—An R.A.F. communiqué states that enemy air activity in the western desert was slight.

R.A.F. bombers made a night attack on an enemy lorry concentration 15 miles west of Bardia.

Enemy positions at Fort Maddalena were bombed.

A mechanical transport concentration south-west of Sidi Barrani was attacked, all bombs falling in the target areas.

## Bombing of Kenya

CAIRO, SEPT. 29 (REUTER).—A communiqué issued by British G.H.Q. states that on September 27 enemy aircraft bombed Buna (Kenya) causing no casualties.

A petrol engagement near Waj, Garis resulted in 12 of the enemy being killed.

There is nothing to report in Sudan, Egypt and Palestine.

## Italians Attack Malta

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (REUTER).—A Malta message to-day confirmed the Cairo communiqué about Italian raids on Malta on Saturday afternoon.

A Malta communiqué says that two formations of Italian planes attacked the port. In addition to the enemy fighters shot down by Hurricanes, two Italian bombers were damaged and probably failed to return to their base.

Damage to civilian property was remarkably slight.

A number of bombs fell in fields, causing slight damage to telephone wires.

## DEFENDING AMERICA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 29 (UP).—Last night President Roosevelt sent letters to the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox and to the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson, expressing his confidence that private industry will continue to co-operate in the defence programme making it unnecessary to invoke Presidential powers to commandeer recalcitrant plants.

A \$99,641,000 aeroplane contract has been given to the Glenn Martin Company—presumably for bombers.

The War Department has announced it will immediately accept one year voluntary enlistments.

## Aussies Are Coming

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, SEPT. 29 (UP).—Austrian troops now in the Western Desert are "completing their training preparatory to joining the British, Indian and French troops operating against the Italians."

"We are not Germans or half-Germans and we don't want to become that," he said. "We think we have been deprived of the right of free independent existence."

However, he added: "This does not mean we do not want to collaborate with Germany in order to aid the harmonious development of Europe."

During Senor Serrano Suner's long sojourn in Berlin reports were circulated here that Italy and Germany were seeking permission to establish naval and aerial bases in Spanish territory in Europe and Africa for use against Britain.

One wholly unconfirmed rumour asserted that Germany desired to send one or more panzer (mechanised) divisions across Spain for the purpose of attacking Gibraltar and opening the Mediterranean to allow the Italian fleet to operate against the British Empire on the high seas.

## General Suner Ill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MUNICH, SEPT. 29 (UP).—General Suner left his train shortly after arrival at 9 p.m., and it is believed that he is slightly ill. It is understood that he plans to leave on Monday or Tuesday.

## Conduct of War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, SEPT. 29 (UP).—The importance of the conversations between Herr Ribbentrop, Count Ciano and Senor Suner is stressed in the morning Press to-day, led by Signor Virginio Gayda writing in the "Giornale di Italia."

Pointing out that Spain is a bridge between Europe and Africa Signor Gayda suggests that the Spanish claims to Gibraltar would be useful to the Axis for an attack against British possessions in West Africa.

The authoritative papers "Messaggero" and "Pepole di Roma," say that the talks have been very important with regard to the conduct of the war by the axis.

# HONGKONG AIR MAIL SERVICES

## P-M-G's Statement

The Post Office is uncertain when it can expect mail held up by the suspension of the Bangkok-Hongkong air route.

"Bangkok has not advised us what it is doing with the mail, or even if there is any mail," said the Postmaster General (Mr. R.A.D. Forrest) this morning.

"They will send the mail on by boat, I expect, as rapidly as they can."

"The airline may have taken the mail back to Singapore when they found they could not get through."

"But until we get definite news we will not know just when the letters will be arriving."

# GOEBBELS CLOSES DOWN

## When R.A.F. Are About

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (REUTER).—Whenever the R.A.F. visit Germany, German radio stations go off the air. During the past week they have been off the air many times.

Indeed, the sudden closing down has happened so often that the Germans have had to make some sort of excuse to their listeners. They do not, of course, admit that it is R.A.F. activity that makes them shut down, but Zeesens to-day said that absence of short-wave transmissions from time to time was due to cosmic causes.

This, the station added, was also the opinion of Italian experts.

Apparently German astronomers are off the air too. These cosmic causes have not affected the short-wave transmissions from Britain or other parts of the world.

## Whine From Goebbels

Besides doing a lot of damage to Germany, the R.A.F. are apparently disturbing Nazi Party activities.

Dr. Goebbels in a speech to-day to the Hitler Youth said that danger from the air in a number of districts frequently makes it completely impossible to carry on work.

An interesting sentence in his speech was his plea to parents to learn to trust those of their children who are members of the Hitler Youth.

# Offices By Day: Shelters By Night Communal Kitchens In Bomb-Blasted London

## Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (UP).—Sir John Anderson, Minister of Home Security has now authorised local authorities to take over office basements and other private shelters for public use, particularly at night and at week-ends to meet the demands for more adequate accommodation.

Government is still unconvinced of the desirability of building concrete bombproof shelters on a large scale as some quarters are vigorously demanding.

The use of subway station as shelters must be controlled to assure that underground transportation is not interfered with. Notices have been affixed in the subways: "Trains must run to get people to their work. Space at the tube station will be permitted to women, children and the infirm who need it most. Be a man and leave it to them."

Feeding The Bombed

Feeding in the bombed sections is another aspect of the blitzkrieg which is receiving the urgent attention of the Minister of Food who is negotiating with the London County Council and Municipal authorities for kitchens in any area which is bombed heavily or where there is interruption to the gas and electric services which would make impossible individual cooking.

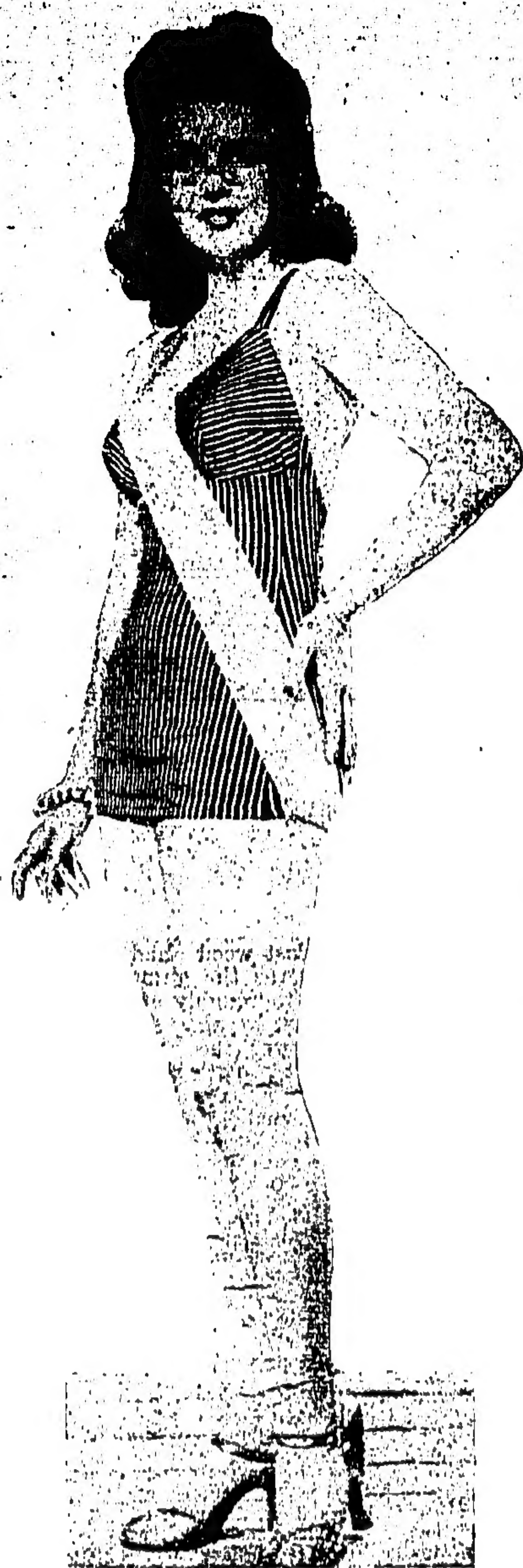
The London boroughs of Wandsworth and Battersea are pioneering the scheme and have decided to establish kitchens in 26 Council schools where hot meals consisting of bread, and meat stew will be served for fourpence each.

It is expected that communal feeding will become a common feature in urban Britain particularly in areas subjected to frequent heavy bombardment.

St. Helena Remembers

Gift For War Planes

LONDON, SEPT. 29 (British Wire- less).—Acknowledging £370 from the inhabitants of the island of St. Helena towards the purchase of war-planes for the R.A.F., Lord Benavise, Minister of Aircraft Production, says: "Over a century ago your island saw the end of a conqueror who challenged the free spirit of Britain and now St. Helena plays its part in making sure that neither foe, nor ruthless will be brought to utter destruction."



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Rt. Montgomery Madge Evans

TO-MORROW  
2.30: "SWISS MISS"  
5.20: "A TALE OF TWO CITIES"  
7.20: "SMILIN' THROUGH"  
9.30: "CAMILE"

## Yesterday's Bombing Of England Enemy Brought Down By Balloon Barrage

### -Little Damage

LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—Three enemy aircraft, all bombers, have been destroyed over this country since midnight, states an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique.

One bomber brought down during the night fouled a balloon cable and crashed into the sea off the south coast.

A second enemy bomber was shot down in the Thames Valley by our fighters this morning.

Later another enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the south-east coast by anti-aircraft guns.

Enemy activities in the morning consisted of a few attacks by single aircraft. Some bombs were dropped at points on the Thames Estuary, at two towns and a village on the south coast and a village in the Home counties.

Little damage was done by any of these attacks and there was a very small number of casualties.

**Tremendous A.A. Fire**  
LONDON, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The most tremendous barrage yet put up by the guns defending London was let loose on two raiders who flew directly over Central London to-night.

Hundreds of shells ripped into the moonless sky and guns boomed constantly for ten minutes, pouring into a crescendo of sound that has not been equaled at any time during the last month.

**War's Heaviest Barrage**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Sept. 29 (UP).—Londoners hear the most intense anti-aircraft barrage of the whole war to-night as German raiders attempted to penetrate the central London area and hundreds of shells of all calibres ripped the sky.

For the second night in succession London heard few planes and infrequent bombs indicating that the blitz tactics were again being concentrated over the outer suburbs.

**BRITONS HELD**  
Bucharest Silent On Intentions  
BUCHAREST, Sept. 29 (Reuter).—The mystery about Rumania's intentions towards the five British subjects arrested at Eploeesti last week deepened to-day when the British military attaché here visited the Rumanian military authorities to enquire about an announcement by the Police that their dossiers had been handed over to a military tribunal.

The attaché was informed that they had no knowledge of any such dossier having been received.

All attempts by British Consular officials to secure permission to visit Mrs. Tracey, wife of a Canadian mining engineer, have failed.

One brief visit was allowed to the men prisoners but efforts to see them again have been utterly suppressed.

**SHANGHAI STRIKES**  
—Pullers Gain  
SHANGHAI, Sept. 30 (Reuter).—The week-long bus, tram and trolley strike in the International Settlement ended yesterday but the French Concession transit strike continues.

Companies have granted workers increased pay and high cost of living allowances.

Thousands of workers jammed the bus and tram stations as service was resumed, ending the week's transit monopoly held by rickshaw coolies who demanded exorbitant fares during the strike.

**Navy Now Has First Woman Doctor**  
Mother of three children  
LONDON, Sept. 29 (UP).—Dr. Atracta Genevieve Bewcastle, the first woman doctor to be appointed to the Royal Navy, is the mother of three children, one of whom may shortly be joining the navy.

Dr. Bewcastle's grant of the relative rank of surgeon-lieutenant, R.N.V.R., is not only the honour she has received since the war. A few weeks ago she received the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontificio from the Pope in recognition of her services to the Roman Catholic community.

Throughout her medical career she has taken special interest in child welfare matters. After qualifying in her native Dublin she was house surgeon at St. Ultan's hospital there and later became assistant school medical officer at Sheffield, England.

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## JAPANESE OUTRAGE

### Motor-Boat Attacks Ten Cargo Junks

A Japanese motor-boat sunk three junks after dumping their cargoes overboard and rammed a captured boat on which survivors clung, according to a report made to the Police on Saturday by Lo Chi, a junk foki.

Lo stated that at 8 a.m. on Friday, a convoy of 10 boats was near Lin Tin, Chinese Territory, when it was attacked by a Japanese motor-boat. The cargoes of three junks were dumped overboard and the junks were sunk. Ten members of two of the junks were taken aboard Lo's craft.

Lo said that the Japanese then boarded his boat after dumping its goods overboard, seized his junk with all its crew aboard. They were thrown into the water swim back and climbed on the upturned boat, but were once more thrown into the sea when the Japanese motor-boat rammed the junk. The Japanese then left.

Lo and four others clung to what was left of their wrecked boat, but the remainder swam to Ki O Island, a distance of about a mile. Later, Lo and those with him swam to Chung Chau Island, Chinese Territory, and were subsequently picked up by the Kua Tung which tried to trace the other people but failed.

**JUNKS BOARDED**  
According to a report made by junk masters to the Police on their return to Hongkong on Friday, a Japanese naval trawler, No. 23, seized three Hongkong registered junks in Chinese waters off Man Shan on September 20.

Lui Yip-chau, master of junk T49151, reported that eight sailors boarded his vessel, seized his junk licence, and dumped four cannon, two muskets and a quantity of gunpowder overboard. The arms lost were valued at \$250.

Ng Shu-kwan, master of junk T34701, reported that he received similar treatment from the Japanese. His arms were worth \$165.

Together with another junk, T49161, all three junks were towed by the trawler to Tai Shan Island, where, after examination, they were released.

## All Canada's Men Will Be Trained

Every able-bodied Canadian is to be trained to defend his home. A call has already been made for 75,000 men to be trained in the next three months.

In a broadcast, the Minister for Air, Mr. C. G. Power, declared: "This nation will be no hoard of refugees, untrained, untaught, helpless and impotent, fleeing blindly in the face of the enemy."

"Rifles, machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns are not of much use to a nation which does not know one end of a gun from the other."

"This calling-up of 75,000 men is quite a job and it will need readiness, willingness, goodwill, tolerance and every help possible from you."

"The plain, simple facts are that the courage of the peoples of the British Commonwealth, the gallantry of our Air Forces, the power of our Navies, and the steadfastness of our soldiers are all that stand between freedom and slavery, between honour and dishonour, between civilisation and barbarism, between the survival of good and the domination of evil."

"We are fighting alone in the last ditch for all we and the world of free men hold dear."

"It is Our Battle"  
Colonel J. L. Ralston, Minister for Defence, said recruiting was going on in every district of Canada and units of non-permanent active Militia (corresponding to the Territorials) were to be recruited up to full strength and additional units would be formed.

He added that the home defence units would be trained at night and at district headquarters so that the men would not be forced to leave their jobs.

"The battle of Britain has started," he declared. "It is also the battle of Canada."

## LATE NEWS

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